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# 148MPH ON M11 WITH PASSENGER



## Motorcyclist is handed a 15-month roads ban

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A MOTORCYCLIST who weaved in and out of traffic on the M11 at speeds of up to 148mph with a passenger riding pillion has been banned from the roads for 15 months.

Father-of-two Paul Roberts, 43, of Malkin Drive, Harlow, was filmed by an Essex Police motorcyclist as he rode south on the motorway.

His top speed is believed to be the highest ever recorded in the UK by a rider carrying a pillion passenger.

Roberts, who runs a taxi firm in London, was riding to work on his Kawasaki ZZR 1400 with a friend as passenger on Friday, September 12.

He joined the M11 at

Hastingwood and was seen and followed by PC Paul Hills, who was involved in a motorcycle safety operation on the motorway.

A video camera on PC Hill's bike recorded events as Roberts weaved across all three lanes. At one point he was filmed riding through a narrow gap between a lorry and a car.

Roberts was eventually stopped near Chigwell.

He later pleaded guilty to dangerous driving and appeared for sentence at Chelmsford Crown Court on Monday.

Roberts was ordered to carry out 120 hours of unpaid community work, banned from the roads for 15 months and must

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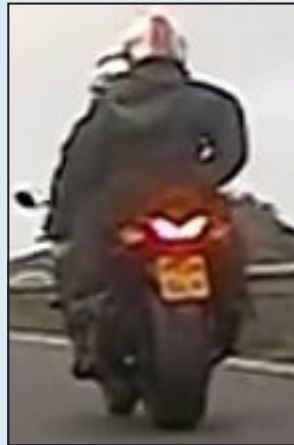
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# Tackling the skills gap in health care

## Hospital to develop Essex Excellence Centre

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THE development of an excellence centre to improve training for NHS staff across Essex is being led by Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust in Harlow.

The employer-led National Skills Academy for Health will support the trust and partner organisations in providing face-to-face and e-learning training across a wide range of job fields.

One of the key goals for the Essex Excellence Centre will be to tackle the skills gap in the health service.

The NSA, which will not provide education itself, will direct trusts and other employers to education providers in their own areas and offer some opportunities for e-learning.

The development of the centre is part of the first phase of a pilot programme co-funded by the Department for Business Innovation and Skills (BIS) costing £1.9m over three years.

Head of Training at PAH, Martin Smith, said the trust was "very proud and honoured" to lead the successful

application.

He added: "Improving the delivery of high quality, values based, integrated patient care has been at the heart of our application, along with the need for suitably trained and competent healthcare support staff to carry out their roles whilst working within our learning organisations."

### Remarkable

PAH Chief Executive, Phil Morley said: "This is a remarkable achievement on the part of Martin and his team."

"We are very proud of our staff and this announcement is testament to the high value we place at The Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust on the qualifications and skills of those treating our patients."

PAH is one of five trusts chosen to lead the first excellence centres.

They join University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust (UHS) who was announced last month by Enterprise Minister Matthew Hancock as the first excellence centre.

There are more than half a million people working in vital support roles

across the nation's healthcare workforce.

The availability of high quality training for healthcare support workers has historically been inconsistent, with many managers facing difficulties accessing the essential training needed to ensure staff maintain a high level of competence and qualification.

Each excellence centre will act as a regional hub to develop collaborations between education and training providers and healthcare employers from the public, independent and voluntary sectors.

Together the organisations making up each centre will design and deliver new learning resources for healthcare support staff.

Sir Hugh Taylor, Chairman of Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust and chairman of the National Skills Academy for Health's board, said: "Our partnership with employers and education and training providers to develop the first excellence centres will make a real difference to the accessibility, consistency and effectiveness of training for our vital support workforce."

## Motorcyclist clocked at 148mph on motorway

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pay £400 legal costs and a £60 victim surcharge.

Recorder Colin Chandler said: "When I saw this case I thought a custodial sentence was required. Weaving in and out is hairy and doing it at speeds in excess of 100mph and up to 148mph is outrageous, but having looked at it closely I've decided a custodial sentence is not appropriate."

Roberts had been carrying a large sum of money in a bag which he had taken home from his and his brother's firms for safekeeping because they had suffered burglaries. Roberts said he thought the pursuing plainclothes officer was after the cash.

Sgt Nick Edwards from the Essex Police Motorcycle Unit said: "The levels of harm to which Paul Roberts subjected himself, his pillion passenger, the public and my officer are just beyond comprehension. These speeds are for racetracks, not public roads."

"This riding behaviour will not be tolerated on Essex roads."

### Trustworthy

Ken Aylett, mitigating, said Roberts was "hard-working, well respected, honest and trustworthy". He had been driving motorcycles since he was 16 and had a very high skill level.

"People have described this as totally alien to his character," said Mr Aylett. "He's deeply affected and shamed."

Recorder Chandler said: "This is an exceptional sort of case, it was an extraordinarily high speed. A great deal of care has to be taken because a motor vehicle is a lethal weapon."

Sgt Edwards said that PC Hills and other Essex Police motorcyclists were carrying out a specific operation targeting motorcycle commuters using the M11.

This was in a direct response to complaints from members of the public about inappropriate filtering between lanes by motorcyclists and a high number of serious road collisions involving motorcycles across the county.

## Makin' Steps with Strictly Come Dancing star

STUDENTS of a performing arts school joined Strictly Come Dancing star Pasha Kovalev on stage at Harlow Playhouse.

The students from Harlow's Makin' Steps performed two six-minute numbers for the show, which took place on Sunday.

Tutor Scott Simpson said: "The show went extremely well and the dancers had an amazing time. We choreographed two six-minute numbers for the show, the first a boyband medley and the second a 70's medley."

Scott added: "Pasha said after the show that he was really impressed with the dancers and their energy. He loved the choreography that we had done for the show and how professional the dancers were."

■ For more information about Makin' Steps visit, [www.makin-steps.co.uk](http://www.makin-steps.co.uk)



ALL THE RIGHT MOVES: Harlow's Makin' Steps with Pasha Kovalev



## Elderly woman is assaulted in her own home

BURGLARS who assaulted an elderly woman after they broke into her house in Harlow are being hunted by police.

The victim, who is in her 80s, suffered bruising to her legs after she challenged the two men who had forced their way into the house in Waterhouse Moor.

Police said a number of items were stolen but these have yet to be identified.

The burglars are described as of slim build and aged in their 20s. One was wearing a red hooded top.

Anyone with information is asked to contact officers at Harlow CID on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Two men were assaulted and forced to hand over a four-figure sum of money during a suspected aggravated burglary in Harlow.

Police investigating the incident said the pair were assaulted by two men who forced their way into the property in Tunnmeade last Wednesday evening.

The victims, one in his 50s and the other in his 20s, were taken to hospital where one was treated for cut injuries and the other for a fractured collarbone.

Anyone with information about the incident, which happened at about 9pm, should contact detectives at Harlow CID on 101.

## Flasher strikes near underpass

A FLASHER who exposed himself to a woman in Harlow is being hunted by police.

The victim, who is in her 40s, was walking near the underpass in Broadley Road on Saturday morning (March 28) when the pervert struck.

The incident happened between 9am-10am.

The man is described as white, 5ft 7ins tall and of slim build. He has short blond hair and was wearing a black tracksuit.

Anyone with any information about the incident is asked to call PC James Selwood at Harlow police station on 101.

## Club giving youngsters a sporting chance to keep fit



GET FIT: Left, Jeff Bessent. Above, Troy Mead (left) and Dan Russell

HARLOW Council and Active Harlow have teamed up with CHILD UK and Paringdon Community Leisure to launch the Doorstep Sports Club.

The project, funded by StreetGames and Active Essex, is part of the national Doorstep Sports Club movement which

aims to provide positive sports development opportunities for young people in the 14-25 age group.

The activities will take place at Paringdon Sports and Social Club every Monday evening between 7pm and 9pm.

The first hour is a mixture of martial arts

and self-defence with the second hour focusing on football though the programme.

The Doorstep Sports Club is free to attend and is open for boys and girls.

The sessions are already proving popular with young people in the area with up to 50 attending every week.

# Four more arrivals at shopping centre

### Dining chains to join cinema in £9m redevelopment

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THE long-awaited Cineworld cinema which will transform the Harvey Centre into a leading leisure destination will open in autumn 2016.

With works due to start on the next phase of the mall's £9m development, asset managers Addington Capital, has also announced four restaurant signings.

The complex will now include a range of popular, national restaurant brands including Italian chain Prezzo, American-style diner Tinseltown, Chinese buffet Real China and sandwich chain Subway.

The scheme, named The Terrace, will be made up of a 25,000sq foot multi-screen cinema and six new restaurant units, ranging in size from 2,000 sq. ft. to

4,000 sq. ft.

Works to widen the malls and elevate the roof, improving the overall look of the centre, were completed towards the end of last year.

Work on fitting out the restaurants is due to start soon, with openings taking place towards the end of this year and into 2016. The cinema is scheduled to open in the autumn of 2016, despite original plans to open it late last year.

### Exciting

Alex Wagstaff, a partner at Addington Capital, said: "The opening of The Terrace in late 2016 is an extremely exciting development for the Harvey Centre and we're delighted to be able to announce such strong signings today."

"The combination of one of the UK's leading cinema chains with some of the most popular, family-friendly national

dining brands will be fantastic for our shoppers and visitors.

"We are continually committed to regenerating the Harvey Centre in order to offer a better experience and improved facilities for our visitors.

"We believe this leisure complex will not only help boost the local night time economy but also encourage wider investment in the town as a whole."

Prezzo is a national Italian chain and has more than 200 restaurants across the country.

Established in 1996, Tinseltown is a family-run chain of American-style Diners, specialising in premium quality milkshakes and New York-inspired burgers.

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## Use cash from parking fines

**SIR** I would like to add my comments to those on the subject of the daily charge for parking permits.

I visit my elderly mother most days as she needs help. The £1 charge a day began to add up rapidly and so we applied for a carer's permit. The cost of that was £14.50 for the doctor's letter and £30 for the permit itself but this only applies to my own car so any other visitors must be given the daily permit.

I understand the permits came about due to drivers trying to avoid paying car park charges at the hospital, town centre or train station by parking in nearby streets, leaving residents unable to park near their own homes but I fail to see why residents should have to pay for the inconsideration of others.

Surely the funding for the permits and cost of the parking wardens should come from fines imposed on those parking illegally?

Mary Miller  
Spencers Croft, Harlow

**SIR** I read P.A. Gower's letter about the charges for visitors'

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parking permits in Harlow and my elderly neighbours are complaining about the same issue.

The parking partnership will only issue one visitor permit to senior citizens/disabled which has to be registered to one vehicle. So if you need a carer, any other visitors have to have a £1 parking permit provided for them.

Previously you could purchase a £10 annual parking permit which could be used for any vehicle, but this has now been withdrawn.

Is this just another underhanded way of earning cash for Harlow Council?

Enna Nosnibor  
Rivermill, Harlow

**SIR** In response to P.A. Gower, yes other people do have exactly the same problem as you with parking permits.

Recently widowed at the age of 86 and unable to get out very much for health reasons, I am dependent on visitors at the cost of £1 per time and a carer whose permit costs £30 for one year plus £14.50 for a GP support letter.

Insult is added to injury as someone has to join the inevitable queue at the Civic Centre to purchase the £1 daily permits.

What a prime example of hitting the most vulnerable when they are at their lowest ebb.

Lesley Rees  
Rivermill, Harlow

**SIR** I am writing in support of P.A. Gower regarding residents' parking permits.

I am a senior citizen and have osteoarthritis. I do not own a car and I am in receipt of pension credit so funds are very limited. I moved into Wedhey before the scheme was introduced so these charges were inflicted upon me.

I think it is disgusting people like myself, who often feel lonely and isolated, have to deter visitors because we can't afford £1 every time someone wishes to visit, even for a short time.

I think whoever is responsible for this charge should give this their serious consideration.

Name and address supplied.

## Plaster won't fix the NHS

**SIR** A&Es across England have

## READER PHOTO OF THE WEEK

■ This week's photo was taken one early foggy morning at Newhall by Vanda Colombo, of Honor Street, Harlow.

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experienced one of the worst winters on record, with the NHS missing its four-hour waiting time target every week since the beginning of November due to overwhelming pressure.

In Harlow, for 18 weeks from early November 2014 until March 2015, the Princess Alexandra Hospital Trust continually failed to meet the target of treating 95 per cent of patients in four hours. For nine weeks during that time it treated less than 85 per cent in four hours and for three weeks it failed to see 75 per cent of patients in that time.

Despite frontline staff working flat out the system can't cope with the sheer number of patients coming through the door. It is starting to crack under the relentless pressure it is facing and is not receiving the support it clearly needs.

New figures from the British Medical Association show that, across the country, doctors on the ground have seen first-hand the effect on patients with 29 per cent experiencing a 'black alert' - issued when a hospital reaches capacity and is having to turn away patients - and 48 per cent

experiencing breaches in A&E targets.

Despite the crisis the political response has been a series of headline-grabbing initiatives and sticking plaster policies to bail out A&E departments rather than developing a long-term, sustainable solution.

Our new campaign, No More Games, calls on all politicians to stop playing games with our NHS and to commit to having an open and honest public debate to find real solutions to the problems.

Dr Mark Porter (chair of council)  
British Medical Association  
Tavistock Square, London

## Erect signs on cycle paths

**SIR** Further to the letter from Pat Ivory about cycle paths (Star, March 19), I completely concur but wish to add a suggestion recommendation to Harlow Council.

I am of the belief that some cyclists are unaware that they are permitted to use some of these paths and there appears to

be very little or no signage to indicate that certain paths can be used by cyclists as well as pedestrians.

In other towns I have often seen little blue circular cyclist signs on relevant paths but have yet to see any here.

It is certainly obvious to me when I ask this question - who is at the biggest risk if one compares a vehicle colliding with a cyclist or a cyclist colliding with a pedestrian?

N.G. Lombard  
Park Court, Harlow

## Worse off by working

**SIR** I started work in Harlow full-time about five months ago after being on long-term benefits.

I was caring for my disabled husband and would have found it extremely difficult to work as well as looking after my four dependent children.

We had our children when my husband was in work but his health has declined rapidly. I completed my degree and undertook some voluntary work,

all at the time of the benefits scroungers backlash which has been reinforced by the media, making those who cannot work for whatever reason feel like the underclass in society.

However, I would love to know why I am now £600 a month worse off working than on benefits, which is making life extremely difficult financially and with my husband alone at home having to cope with very difficult tasks.

Of course people will talk about pride and feeling like I have contributed to society when in work, but for many people pride doesn't put food on the table.

I cannot afford new school shoes for my growing son and I am struggling to pay for a badly needed haircut for him. This is all while I'm in work.

name and address supplied

## Time to close tax loophole

**SIR** Rather than cracking down and squeezing our small businesses like we see in scare advertisements by HMRC, wouldn't the public like to see the super rich and corporations pay their fair share which is an enormous loss in comparison?

Some £700m-plus a year is lost due to the Mayfair tax loophole, while ordinary people are threatened and hassled for money they haven't even made yet.

As it wasn't mentioned in the Budget, it will be up to future politicians to correct the social inequalities and terrible wealth gap that is widening in our country and pushing the most hardworking people down.

Will our local candidates take responsibility for this push to tackle such major tax dodging?

Gil Brown

Knight Street, Sawbridgeworth

## Thank you

**SIR** May I take the opportunity to thank the district nurses at the Latton Bush Centre in Harlow for providing excellent service for housebound patients.

I was looked after when I came home after my triple bypass heart surgery. I found them to be very polite and professional.

D.S. Bawa

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## ROBERT HALFON - WORKING HARD FOR HARLOW HELPING HARLOW WORKERS...

- Robert Halfon successfully campaigned for a four-year freeze and a cut in fuel duty. Those driving to work or running their own business are now saving an average of £10 every time they fill up the tank.
- He has fought hard for tax cuts for Harlow workers. The tax-free allowance has been raised to **£10,000**, saving the average Harlow worker £825 a year. It will increase again to **£10,600** this month, up from **£6475** under Labour.
- Robert championed a stronger Minimum Wage, which saw its biggest increase for 7 years under this Government. Robert is also campaigning hard for workers to receive a Living Wage and the Minimum Apprentice Wage is up by 20%.
- Robert supported local Tesco and Comet workers during their redundancy and worked hard to get them a fairer deal.

"[Harlow Trades Union Council] have received support from Robert Halfon on the issues of trade union facility time and job losses"

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## Dance stars raise funds for air ambulance



STRICTLY Air Ambulance scored a perfect 10 as TV dancers James and Ola Jordan took on the role of judges at a fundraiser for the Essex Air Ambulance.

An audience of 900 people watched as six couples took to the dance floor at Charter Hall in Colchester for Friday's glitzy event.

During the evening, which was hosted by Heart FM presenter Su Harrison, James performed two

routines with his professional dance partner Lisa Welham.

The six couples each performed two routines – a ballroom dance followed by a jive-a-thon in which they all took part at the same time following a set criteria laid down by the judges. The overall champions were Tom Woollard and Rosie Ward.

The evening raised £5,700 for the Essex Air Ambulance.

## Academy wins £50,000 pupil premium prize

School's efforts recognised at awards ceremony

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A HARLOW secondary school has been handed £50,000 in recognition of its efforts in helping disadvantaged pupils.

Burnt Mill Academy, in First Avenue, is one of only seven schools in the east of England to receive a cash prize in the 2015 Pupil Premium Awards.

As regional finalists in the secondary school category, Burnt Mill was awarded a share of the £4m total awarded nationally.

It was nominated for its achievements in raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and closing the gap on their peers.

Burnt Mill, which was one of 27 schools to reach the finals, will use the money to provide disadvantaged students with even more opportunities.

Helena Mills, head of Burnt



DELIGHTED: Helena Mills

Mill Academy Trust, said: "I was delighted to receive recognition for all we do at Burnt Mill to ensure children who don't have the same advantages as others get the chance to really succeed.

"The Government gives us additional funding for children who are on free school meals already and we use this as a way of

ensuring they can get tutored, reading books and go on trips, things sometimes their families may not be able to afford.

"As a free school meal child myself, I know what it is like to want to do something but not be able to afford it. It is the reason we insist here at Burnt Mill that every child gets the opportunity to learn how to play a musical instrument, go on at least one trip abroad and get tutoring if they need it."

Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg, who presented the prizes to the schools at a ceremony in London, said: "It is a huge injustice that in 21st century Britain a child's success or failure is often determined by their parents' income or social class.

"That's why the pupil premium is so important. This year alone we have provided £2.5bn of funding to help almost two million youngsters go further."

## Children's indoor play centre given the all-clear after customer finds dead rat

ENVIRONMENTAL health officers have given a children's indoor play centre the all-clear after a dead rat was found on the premises at the weekend.

Wild 'n' Wacky, near Harlow Town station in Edinborough Gate, was closed for four days after Saturday's discovery so that the premises could undergo a deep clean.

Customers who had booked parties which were cancelled have been offered a full refund and a free re-booking for the inconvenience.

The centre reopened yesterday (Wednesday) with a Frozen-themed party which was sold out.

Centre manager Amanda Cotta said: "We are doing everything we

can to maintain the best possible practice. We know it has been disappointing for the children but we do need to deal with this without any children in the building.

"The rat issue is outside and it is causing several sites in the area a problem. However, we would not open if I was not satisfied the problem was eliminated inside the centre. The cleaners have worked very hard to put things right."

Ms Cotta said that before the incident pest control officers had made three visits to inspect the premises. Several precautionary measures were taken to eliminate the threat, including laying down poison in areas inaccessible to

adults and children.

However, when the rat was discovered on Saturday the owners felt they had no choice but to temporarily close the building.

"We have thrown away the sofas where the rat was found and have done everything that could be expected," said Mrs Cotta. "We took this very seriously."

After the incident was reported on the centre's Facebook page the response from the public was, in the main, positive with parents complementing the standards of cleanliness.

Earlier this year Wild 'n' Wacky was named runner-up in the best party venue or entertainer category of the annual Primary Times Essex Star Awards.

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## Four heads are better than two...

THE achievements and progress of pupils at a Harlow primary school are to be driven forward by a leadership reshuffle.

Cooks Spinney Primary deputy headteacher Stuart Pope has been promoted to the post of headteacher. He has appointed three assistant heads of school to support him in his new role.

Amy Dias, existing assistant head, now takes on responsibility for Key Stage Two, while new assistant head Jenni Elliott is responsible for Key Stage One after being promoted from lead practitioner.

Francesca Harris, who was a



**NEW TEAM:** From left, Amy Dias, Jenni Elliott, Stuart Pope and Francesca Harris

Reception class teacher, becomes assistant head with responsibility for the early years and foundation pupils.

Mr Pope said: "It's great to have people who are already committed to the school and trusted and respected by the school community taking on active roles in developing standards. It helps to keep some consistency."

"It's a really exciting time. We are starting to get the right people in the right places so we can make a real difference. "We are hoping this will be the best year Cooks Spinney has ever seen. We want to do something that we are proud of and for 2015 to be the year everything changed."

## Two years on, a language centre is talk of the town

AN ever-expanding language school in Harlow is celebrating its second anniversary by thanking those who supported its rags-to-riches success.

In just two years the Prestige Language School in West Road has grown from an initial intake of just four students to become the town's leading English learning centre with 55 students.

It has three full-time teachers who hold multiple daily classes.

Two years ago Prestige was just the vision of teacher and business manager Marta Sturt, who approached enterprise commission NWES for support in setting up the school in March 2013.

"I decided that summer 2013 was the best time to give the language school a go as my maternity leave was coming to an end," she said.

"I spent a lot of time trying to create interest but it was very difficult to gain people's trust and, as a result, on the first day of the new courses I had only four students signed up.

"When it first started I wondered if it was going to succeed, but then through word of mouth the business snowballed and started really growing. My students enjoyed the lessons and it spread from there.

"I now work alongside two other teachers. We have classes every day with some days more than one class.

"The school is growing in strength with each month and I can see a very bright future for it."

Mrs Sturt was born in Poland but moved to Manchester 11 years ago as part of a student exchange. She moved to Harlow after getting married.



**LISTEN WITH MARTA:** Marta Sturt teaching the advanced class



**ON TOP FORM:** Marta Sturt with teachers Marjorie McClary (centre) and Agata Badke

"The students are mainly eastern European from Poland and Latvia but we've also had some from Bangladesh," she said. "The uniqueness of the school lies in the courses offered - we are the only organisation in the area that offers Cambridge English exam preparation."

Mrs Sturt thanked NWES for its "irreplaceable" support and also the Star for helping her achieve her goals.

"My piece of advice to whoever is thinking of starting their business would simply be to never give up on their dreams," she added. "They really do come true."

## Learning and fundraising side by side

A PRIMARY school found a novel way to combine a learning exercise with raising money for charity over a six-week period.

Kisses4Kids gave pupils at Churchgate Primary School, Harlow, a pound to invest in a money-making scheme and any funds raised were donated back to the charity.

Over the six weeks fundraising activities included a bake sale, a popcorn karaoke bar and a mini Olympics, and in total raised £1,151 for the charity. Harlow MP Robert Halfon visited the school once it completed the project to present a cheque to the charity.



**HANDOVER:** Harlow MP Robert Halfon presents the cheque to Kisses 4Kids, watched by Churchgate Primary School pupils

Quids4Kids, the brainchild of Kisses4Kids trustee Sara Evans, ran from January 23 until March 6, with Year 6 pupils marking the end of the events with a crazy hair day.

Deputy headteacher Miss Huke

said: "We are really proud and excited because the children worked really hard in organising events. It was an excellent way to make money for charity and a great way to allow the children to learn about responsibility."





**LEADING LIGHTS:** Some of the pupils honoured at Stewards Academy for their outstanding contribution to the school

# Awards night 'renewed faith in school system'

Daughter of Labour Party stalwart was guest of honour at academy

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BROADCAST journalist Melissa Benn, daughter of Labour politician Tony Benn, was the guest of honour when a Harlow secondary school held an awards evening to celebrate the achievements of its students.

The main hall of Stewards Academy, in Parnall Road, was full of bursting with pupils, families and school governors as 148 students were recognised for

their outstanding contribution to the school.

Ten former Stewards students were invited back to the school to receive recognition for their exam achievements last summer.

In her speech, Ms Benn spoke about the importance of inclusive education which she said should be "cherished and celebrated".

"This evening has been uplifting and stimulating and it has renewed my deep-held belief in how successful a really good com-

prehensive school can be," she added.

Headteacher Rhonda Murthar spoke about the importance of young people developing their character and resilience in order to be successful while deputy headteacher Marie Erwood read her personal citations for the recipients of the special awards and the governors Awards - Hannah Charles for citizenship, Madison Davies for contribution to the life of the school and Matt Fleming and Isaac Lucia for their



**AUTHOR'S VISIT:** Richard O'Neill academic achievements.

A few days earlier author and storyteller Richard O'Neill visited the school to talk to a group of

Year Ten students about his life.

Mr O'Neill, who specialises in writing military history, spent an hour discussing his upbringing in a northern Roman family.

The 71-year-old, who is a renowned storyteller, shared some amusing anecdotes from his childhood as well as his experiences of prejudice.

Year 10 pupil Lauren Chapman, who attended the talk, said: "This was a very motivational talk which has given me lots of ideas to use in my own writing."

## In brief

### Official opening for Little Saints

**OLD HARLOW:** An official opening ceremony was held at Little Saints Pre-School in Hobbs Cross Road at the weekend.

The pre-school, which is part of St Nicholas School, opened last September but it wasn't until Saturday that a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held.

Headmaster Keith Knight said: "Notwithstanding the weather, toddlers and parents enjoyed a fabulous afternoon of Easter-themed activities."

"We were very pleased to welcome Robert Halfon, who attended to cut the ribbon to officially open our new pre-school."

### Old snaps plea

**HARLOW:** An appeal for memorabilia has been sounded to former students of a Harlow primary school on the eve of its 50th anniversary.

St Luke's Catholic Academy, in Pynen Road, is asking ex-pupils to send in photographs of their time at the school which will be shown during a celebratory Mass on Thursday, May 7.

■ Anyone interested in attending the Mass or contributing photographs should contact the school office on 01279 423499 or email [admin@st-lukesrc.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-lukesrc.essex.sch.uk)



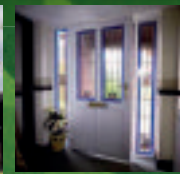
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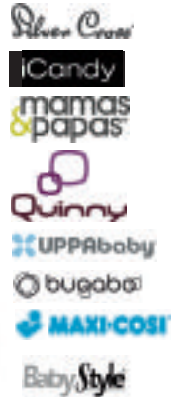
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**CHOCOS AWAY:** Left to right, Jacqui Featherstone and Rachel Forth with matrons Kim Gardiner and Sharon Ranaikaen

## Asda's gift to hospital has the eggs factor

EASTER came early for adult patients at Princess Alexandra Hospital after staff from a Harlow supermarket delivered a bumper load of chocolate treats.

The Asda store at the Water Gardens donated about 200 chocolate eggs will be handed out in the run-up to Easter.

Rachel Forth, the store's designated community

colleague who organised the donation, said: "We do a lot for children at Easter so we thought it would be nice to do something special for grown-ups who don't always get made a fuss of."

Jacqui Featherstone, PAH's associate director of nursing and midwifery, said: "It's lovely that a local store is prepared to support the hospital in this way. We are extremely grateful."

# More funds for GP surgeries to extend services

## Money to be spent on 7-day care project

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PATIENTS in Harlow are set to benefit from a Government cash injection which will be used to give them better access to their GP.

The money will be spent on providing more appointments, longer evening and weekend opening hours and better communication between patients and doctors.

More than £2.6m will be split between the 38 GP practices in West Essex, including those in Harlow and neighbouring Epping Forest.

It will fund the West Essex Seven Day Primary Care Innovation and Integration project to improve primary care access aimed specifically at patients at risk of having to attend A&E.

Initially this will mean providing access to GPs from 8am to 8pm on Saturdays and Sundays as well as a weekday service between 6.30pm to 8pm by using technology such as Skype consultations



**DELIGHTED:** Dr Rob Gerlis

and self-care smart phone applications.

The new service will be operated from a number of key "hubs" across the district and will see general practice teams working together to manage patients.

Harlow GP Dr Rob Gerlis, who is chairman of West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "We are delighted that the bid together with our GP provider

companies has been successful and we look forward to working together to make this a success."

Speaking before the dissolution of the Government ahead of next month's General Election, health secretary Jeremy Hunt said: "The NHS is moving with the times. By keeping in touch with how people live their lives, far more NHS services, tests and treatments will be offered closer to people's homes at times that suit them."

"GPs have always been the foundation of the NHS and are at the centre of our plans to move more care in to the community. We are supporting them to work innovatively to deliver 21st century patient care."

Care minister Norman Lamb added: "We want to have a fairer society and that means better care, closer to home for everyone. This announcement helps patients get easier access to their GP."

"Our investment in out-of-hospital care will not only improve and join up services where people live but also keep people healthier in the community for longer."

## Cinema tombola raising funds for neo-natal unit

FILM-goers heading to Cineworld in Harlow are being invited to take part in an Easter tombola in aid of Princess Alexandra Hospital's neo-natal unit.

Tickets for the fundraiser, which has been running since Saturday, cost 50p each with Easter eggs as prizes.

## Easter Monday fun day to help support Pets' Corner

A FUN day to raise money for Pets' Corner will be held from 11am-4pm on Monday.

There will be an Easter bonnet competition, a bouncy castle, face painting and stalls as well as petting animals in the paddocks throughout the day.

Entry to the event at the Harlow Town Park attraction is free but the car park will cost £1.50.



# Jailed: The pervert priest who abused boy in care home

Disgraced churchman targeted 'vulnerable' teenager

## Court Reporter

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A FORMER Harlow priest who repeatedly abused a vulnerable boy at a care home run by his paedophile friend has been jailed for three years.

Father Tony McSweeney watched as John Stingmore, manager at the council-run children's home in west London, fondled a teenager in the shower.

The two men also forced the boy to expose himself to them and touched him under the pretence of making sure he was "clean" four or five times.

McSweeney, who served in Holy Cross & St Luke's parish in Harlow for four years during the 1990s and officiated at the wedding of former world heavyweight boxing champion Frank Bruno, also collected vile child pornography over a period of many years, a jury at Southwark Crown Court was told.

The disgraced 68-year-old denied four counts of indecent assault, one count of taking an indecent photograph of a child between 1979 and 1981 and three of making indecent images of children between 2012 and 2013.

He was found guilty last month of one



**JAILED:** Father Tony McSweeney

charge of indecent assault and three of making indecent photographs.

During his trial the court was told the claims against him only emerged in 2013 when he was working in Norwich.

Stingmore, 72, was also charged but died weeks before the start of the trial. Prosecutor Sarah Plaschkes told the jury: "This was joint enterprise by both men to use the victim for their own sexual gratification."

She said the men groomed the vulnerable teenager by using the washing routine to confuse him and to hide their true motivation.

"Not all children at the home were abused," she added: "He [the victim] was targeted because he was a vulnerable boy isolated from his family."

Passing sentence on Friday, judge

Alistair McCreath said McSweeney had a "voyeuristic interest" in children, either in seeing them unclothed or in seeing them sexually abused by others.

"I have no doubt that the children who have been observed by him in the way the evidence shows they have been did suffer sexual harm," he said.

The judge added: "He was prosecuted and convicted on a joint enterprise basis and on clear evidence that the touching of the child was done with approval and encouragement and for his sexual gratification."

Jailing him for three years, the judge referred to McSweeney's work as a chaplain in schools, a prison and hospitals.

"It would be unfair and unbalanced not to recognise that he has over his years in the priesthood been a good, conscientious priest in almost all aspects of his calling," he said. "I have no doubt he behaved towards parishioners and others in a way that was Christian, loving and kindly."

McSweeney, of Pease Pottage in West Sussex, was also made the subject of a Sexual Harm Prevention Order restricting his access to 12-17 year-old boys and monitoring his use of the internet.



## Hospice mascot picks spring raffle winner's ticket to ride

THE winner of St Clare Hospice's spring raffle will soon be receiving the keys to her prize of a new car.

Harlow resident Myrtle Prodger won a Suzuki Alto in the draw for which more than 13,000 tickets were sold, raising £27,000.

All the tickets were placed in a large inflatable dome in the Harvey Centre on Tuesday, with hospice mascot Clare the Bear picking the winners.

The second prize of £1,000 went to Kenneth Clarke from Harlow while the third prize, a 40-inch screen television, was won by Nadine Holland from Loughton.

This year's raffle was the biggest ever, with 25 prizes to mark St Clare's silver anniversary.

Hospice lottery manager Caron Lakey said: "We would like to thank everyone who bought a ticket for this year's raffle and a huge congratulations to Mrs Prodger and everyone else who won a prize in our silver anniversary year."

"Since St Clare was founded in 1990 we have been able to help care for and support more than 10,000 people, but we can only continue to be there for local families into the future with the support of our local community."

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**AIR WE GO:** Shadow health minister Andrew Gwynne joined Labour parliamentary candidate Suzy Stride and her supporters for a balloon launch in Harlow town centre to mark the start of her election campaign



**BANNER MAN:** Conservative parliamentary candidate Robert Halfon and his supporters drove home his election campaign message by targeting motorists using the A414 into Harlow on Monday

# Election candidates have sights set on Parliament

## Battlelines drawn as fight to win Harlow seat gets under way

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THE race to become Harlow's next MP got under way in earnest on Monday with candidates wasting no time in rallying the support of the town's voters.

As the Star went to press yesterday (Wednesday) no fewer than seven candidates were on the campaign trail.

Joining the main five parties – Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrats, Ukip and the Greens – are candidates from The English Democrats and the Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition (TUSC).

However, with the deadline for nominations not up until 4pm next Thursday (April 9), there is still time for others to join the fray.

Robert Halfon, who is defending the seat he won from Labour in 2010 with a majority of 4,925 votes, began his election campaign in trademark style near the

Shell petrol filling station on the A414.

Joined by his core team of supporters Mr Halfon targeted motorists by holding up election banners bearing slogans about the NHS, housing, jobs and fuel duty.

"Every election I sit by the road with a sign and we will be here every day until the day of the polls," he said. "I'm proud to be here and a lot of drivers have been beeping their car horns to show their support."

### Hopeful

"Obviously there is a long way to go but with six weeks before the election I'm very hopeful and I have had lots of messages of support from residents."

Labour candidate Suzy Stride, who is hoping to retake the seat held by the party from 1997-2010, was joined by shadow health minister Andrew Gwynne in the town centre to release 38 red balloons, marking the 38 days remaining until



polling day.

She said: "This campaign isn't about billboards or sitting on roundabouts, it's about the old fashioned getting out and talking to people one-on-one on the doorstep and listening to their concerns."

"I'm excited by the chance we have to change Harlow and the country for the better. We've got a lot of work to do but we've got off to a flying start and we've got to keep that momentum going over the coming weeks."

The Liberal Democrats left it until three days before the start of the campaign to announce that their candidate

would be Dr Geoff Seef, a 67-year-old accountant and consultant who specialises in urban regeneration.

Dr Seef, who lives in Woodford, said the economy, employment and the NHS were the three most important issues for voters.

"The Liberal Democrats have been working hard in this area for a number of years and we have a lot of local support," he said.

### Message

"I think we are expected to do much better than the recent polls would indicate for a variety of reasons and that is the message we will be giving across in our literature."

Ukip candidate Sam Stopplecamp also started his campaign by the side of the A414, holding aloft a poster a few hundred yards away from Mr Halfon's group.

"We are going to be leafletting and

### 2010 election result

■ Robert Halfon (Conservative)	19,691 votes (44.9%)
■ Bill Rammell (Labour)	14,766 votes (33.7%)
■ David White (Liberal Democrat)	5,990 votes (13.7%)
■ Eddy Butler (BNP)	1,739 votes (4.0%)
■ John Croft (Ukip)	1,591 votes (3.6%)
■ Oluyemi Adeeko (Christian Party)	101 votes (0.2%)
Majority:	4,925 (11.2%)
Turnout:	43,878 (65.1%)

canvassing around the town, at the hatches and the town centre," he said.

"We are very positive and have a lot of people telling us that they are going to vote for us. Even if we came second our campaign would be a success as we came from nothing and Ukip have less means and resources than other parties."

"But we believe we can win and we're in it to win it."

After standing for the Green Party in the recent Mark Hall council by-election, parliamentary candidate Murray Sackwild said he intended to spread his anti-austerity message far and wide.

"Harlow needs an MP who will always vote for Harlow rather than follow their party whip," he said. "I'm happy to attend meetings and gatherings to explain the Green promise."

The English Democrat candidate is Eddy Butler while Dave Brown is fighting the seat for the Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition.

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Abellio Greater Anglia has simplified its claims system for commuters who hold an annual or monthly season tickets by removing the need to post paper forms.

To use the new online scheme customers must follow the link on the company's website homepage, complete the online form an upload an image of their season ticket and then submit the form.

An automatically-generated email will confirm receipt and, once processed, correspondence and rail travel vouchers will be issued through the post as normal.

Paper compensation forms will still be available to passengers at staffed stations if they prefer to use them.

Abellio Greater Anglia's customer relations manager Lynsey Flack said: "This new way to claim compensation removes the inconvenience for commuters of having to collect, fill in and return paper forms.

"We recognise that it is frustrating for our passengers when things go wrong so anything that we can do to simplify and speed up our compensation arrangements is a step in the right direction towards providing improved customer service."

More than 70,000 Abellio Greater Anglia passengers hold annual and monthly season tickets.

The train operator has announced a programme of over £30m in customer service, performance and rolling stock upgrades as part of its existing franchise until October 2016.

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(positions at end of week 25)

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Games	Points
<b>Division One</b>					
1. Hawks	18	17	1	303	34
2. R.B.L. B	18	11	7	267	22
3. Cossors	18	10	8	260	20
4. G.P.C.A.	17	10	7	248	20
5. Memorial A	17	8	10	245	16
6. R.B.L. A	18	6	12	231	12
<b>Division Two</b>					
1. Postal	18	10	8	247	20
2. Ravens	18	10	8	238	20
3. Memorial B	18	7	11	238	16
4. T.G.I. Bowls	17	7	10	232	14
5. R.B.L. C	18	6	12	216	12
6. Burnt Mill	18	5	13	219	10



THE mother of a boy with autism has raised more than £300 to help those with the condition by holding a bake sale at the Co-op supermarket in Colt Hatch, Harlow.

Laura Buck sold out of cakes when she held the fundraiser in aid of PACT for Autism on Friday.

Staff at Colt Hatch hair salon Nic N' Cuts also supported her efforts by holding a raffle which raised £70.

Miss Buck, whose son Billy has been diagnosed with the condition, said: "We raised £331 through the cake sale and raffle. The chocolate brownies were especially popular and we completely sold out of cake."

"I'm really happy with how it went and it's definitely something I'll do next year too."

Miss Buck said she wanted to thank Co-op staff Dave Hall, Sarah-Lee Barrett and Hollie Stevenson-Phipps for allowing her to hold the sale at the shop.

# Villagers' fear over threat from Harlow 'expansion'

## Letter asks residents if they want land to be included in local plan

Simon Murfitt

star@hertsessexnews.co.uk

LETTERS have been sent to residents of Hastingwood as parish councillors fear the area could become "joined up with Harlow" if new developments go ahead.

North Weald Bassett Parish Council has been instructed by the district council not to include Latton Priory and the Harlow gateway site off the A414 in its Neighbourhood Plan as they remain "strategic sites for possible development".

The parish council's Neighbourhood Plan allows "communities to decide the future of the places where they live and

work." It offers them the chance to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built.

But Epping Forest District Council said it would be premature to include the sites in the plan as they are under a duty to co-operate with the neighbouring authority which is Harlow Council.

As a result, the parish council has written to around 60 households that would be affected by their properties being excluded from the Neighbourhood Plan.

North Weald Parish Council chairman Cyril Hawkins explained: "In practice, what this means is that as Harlow Council has expressed an interest in expanding,

Epping Forest District Council wants to ensure the sites at Latton Priory and Harlow Gateway remain an option for potential development.

"We feel it is important residents are made aware of the situation and are given the opportunity to have their say as to whether they want to be part of the Neighbourhood Plan as North Weald Bassett Parish Council wish or excluded from it by Epping Forest District Council."

The letters ask Hastingwood residents whether they believe the Neighbourhood Plan should cover the whole parish of North Weald Bassett and whether it is wrong that the district council has excluded the two areas.

Hastingwood ward councillor and parish council vice chairman Brian Eldridge said: "As a Hastingwood resident I don't think we should have any more building around here."

"With all that is going on with the Latton Priory idea, which has been going forward for about a year now, and in the Thornwood area too the worry is that it will all be joined up with Harlow in the end."

"That's why some residents want to put a hold on a development in a lot of areas."

The matter is due to be discussed by Epping Forest District Council's cabinet at its next meeting on Monday, April 13

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# Video aims to take fear out of using life-saving equipment



A HEART attack patient who survived a potentially fatal cardiac arrest is the subject of a new campaign by the ambulance service which aims to take the fear out of using a life-saving defibrillator.

Steve Fursse's story features in a new video produced by the East of England Ambulance Service Trust which shows how his life was saved after he collapsed at work last year.

Mr Fursse, 65, from Colchester – pictured above – was revived after the quick-thinking colleagues and the early use of a defibrillator which restarted his heart and got it beating.

The campaign focuses on the use of public access community defibrillators which are housed in special cabinets. In the event of an emergency they can be accessed by any member of the public who will be given a code after calling 999.

The EEAST has given away 1,000 defibrillators to organisations including churches, schools, libraries and sports centres across Essex and the five counties it serves. While many are managed by on-site first aiders, many will also be available for use by the public.

## Emergency

Ambulance officer Dan Turner said: "There are more than 300 community public access defibrillators across the region but not everyone knows what they are, where they are located or what to do with one in an emergency.

"Just as many people were uncomfortable in doing CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) a few years ago, we now see many people who are not fully comfortable in using defibrillators. There is a fear that they can cause harm if used incorrectly, which is not the case at all."

The video is part of EEAST's Their Life, Your Hands campaign which also includes posters with information about the locations of community public access defibrillators.

"Defibrillators in general will increasingly play a vital role in saving large numbers of lives," said Mr Turner. "We would urge everyone to watch the video and log on to our website to find out where their nearest CPAD can be found. The message is really simple – you can save a life."

## Dog charity given £10k to buy new rescue van

A SMALL charity which has helped to rehome hundreds of unwanted dogs has been given a £10,000 donation to enable it to buy a new rescue van.

Southern Lurcher Rescue, which is based at Broadley Common near Harlow, has been awarded the money by animal rescue charity Support Adoption for Pets.

SLR founder Jenny Symmons "We have needed a new rescue van for a while so we are extremely grateful to Support Adoption for Pets for this generous donation.

"We are very proud of our re-homing history, having taken in over 500 dogs."

The charity accepts dogs no other charity will take, including those that are lame and blind, and finds them new foster homes.

Amy Wilson, charity manager at Support Adoption for Pets, added: "It is a real privilege to be able to support the hard-working team at SLR with this donation. Being able to purchase a new rescue van will ensure more dogs can be rescued and cared for by great people."

## late duty chemists rota for Harlow

### GOOD FRIDAY

**11am-4pm:** Tesco, Church Langley Way, Harlow. **8.30am-9pm:** Sainsbury's, Fifth Avenue, Harlow. **9am-6pm:** Asda, Water Gardens, Harlow. **11am-5pm:** Harlow Pharmacy, Hamstel Road, Harlow. **8.30am-5.30pm:** Boots, Broad Walk, Harlow.

### EASTER SUNDAY

**8am-10pm:** Harlow Pharmacy, Hamstel Road, Harlow.

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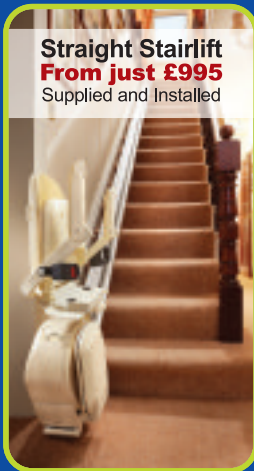
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# RANGERS CLUB

## China's cutest creature

IT must surely be one of the cutest animals living on the planet... but the days of the tiny Ili Pika may be numbered.

The adorable but extremely rare creature, which looks like a teddy bear and is only 20cm (eight inches) long, has been seen in China for the first time in 20 years.

It is one of the world's most endangered animals. Experts believe there are fewer than 1,000 left in their natural habitat.

The species was first discovered living in a mountain range in north-western China back in 1983 when it was estimated that there were 2,900 animals. But it is now thought that their numbers have dwindled by almost three-quarters.

Very little is known about the Ili Pika but the man who discovered it, conservationist Li Weidong, believes global warming may be the cause for the shrinking population.

"This tiny species could be extinct any time," he said. "They don't exist in the sites where they used to be anymore."



RANGERS fact file



■ **NAME:** Melanie (member 20141)  
■ **ADDRESS:** Waterhouse Moor, Harlow  
■ **BIRTHDAY:** March 27, 2011  
■ **SCHOOL:** Little Treasures Pre-school  
■ **LIKES:** Dressing up  
■ **DISLIKES:** Nothing

■ **FAVOURITE FOOD:** Lasagne, fish, carrots  
■ **FAVOURITE BOOK:** Rapunzel  
■ **FAVOURITE FILM:** Frozen  
■ **FAMILY:** Brother Andre (13) and twin brother Stefan (4)  
■ **PETS:** A cat called Pops and fish  
■ **WANTS TO BE:** Not sure yet



Happy Birthday

**THURSDAY**  
**Michelle** (member 838), of Abbeydale Close, Harlow, is 12 and leaves Rangers.

**SATURDAY**  
**Lee** (member 20144), of The Hornbeams, Harlow, is 5

**MONDAY**  
**Oliver** (member 838), of Watersmeet, Harlow, is 11. **Brooke** (member 848), of Cooks Spinney, Harlow, is 9. **Lily-Mary** (member 1112), of Longfield, Harlow, is 8.

**TUESDAY**  
**Mason** (member 817), of Quarry Spring, Harlow, is 11. **Shaneze** (member 201521), of Longbanks, Harlow, is 9

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Ellie** (member 741), of Rundells, Harlow, is 11.

**THURSDAY**  
**Elisa** (member 832), of Home Close, Harlow, is 12 and leaves Rangers. **Kirsten** (member 1105), of Sibneys Green, Harlow, and **Katarina** (member 943), of Bishopsfield, Harlow, are both 8.

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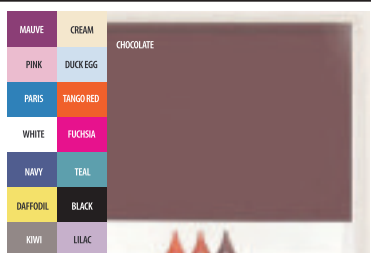
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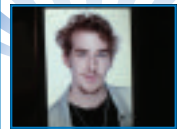
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Molly

x x o o x x



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## Bereavements



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Adam and Jane xx

### LILY LAWRENCE

Formerly of Bury Road, Old Harlow.  
Passed away on 23rd March aged 94 years.

The funeral service will take place on  
Tuesday 14th April 2015 at  
Parndon Wood Crematorium at 11:30am.

Family flowers only please.

Donations if desired to The Alzheimer's Society  
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Daniel Robinson & Sons,  
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### Carl LEE

Peacefully at home on 27th March, aged 78 years.  
Loving husband to Mavis a dear  
Dad to David and Mark, and a very proud  
grandfather to Ben, Kieran and Claudia.

Funeral date to be arranged.

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### KEITH RICHER



**Former Caretaker of Peterswood School**

Passed away on 24th March 2015  
aged 77 years.

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Dad to Tracy, Tina and Simon and playful  
Gramps to Amy, Ben, William and Laura.

His funeral service will take place  
at Parndon Wood Crematorium on  
Wednesday 8th April 2015 at 12.15pm.

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### CHRISTINA CAMPBELL SHAND (Chrissie)

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to Christine, Lorraine,  
Rosanne & Shirlene and  
a caring Grandmother and Great-Grandmother.

A friend to many, Chrissie will be sadly  
missed by all who knew her.

The funeral service will take place at Parndon Wood  
Crematorium on Thursday 9th April 2015 at 2.30pm.

All who knew Chrissie are most welcome.

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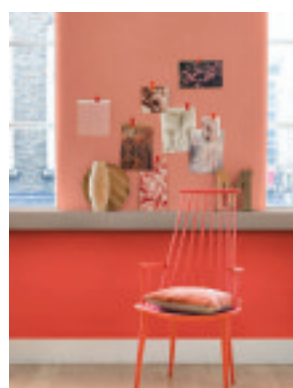
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## Stadium night raises £3k for charity



A SUPPORT and care charity for families affected by Down's Syndrome raised £3,000 at an event held to mark World Down Syndrome Day.

Upwards with Downs, based at Greygoose Park in Harlow, held a successful night at Harlow Stadium.

The aim was not only to raise funds but also awareness of the condition.

Since starting out as a support group in 2011 and gaining charity status in September last year, UWD has grown into an organ-

isation which currently supports 40 families.

Money raised will help to fund a year of support for 14 children to reach their potential.

Around 800 babies are born in the UK every year with the condition which causes intellectual and physical impairment.

Tara Bowers, trustee secretary for UWD, said: "We wanted to raise awareness of the condition and raise money at the same time so we were delighted when our vice-chairwoman Cristina Griffiths came up with the idea of

holding a charity night at the greyhound stadium on World Down Syndrome Day.

"The night was a huge success with more than 400 people attending. The stadium said it was the busiest night that they had for a long time.

"In total we've raised almost £2,000 but once other monies come in we are hoping that it will be nearer to £3,000."

UWD is making a separate donation to The Downs Syndrome Association from the money raised.

## Trial project for crime victims to confront culprits

### Town to take part in restorative justice scheme

William Mata

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A SCHEME which will allow victims of crime the chance to confront the perpetrators has been launched as a pilot project in west Essex.

The restorative justice initiative will be trialled for six months in various towns including Harlow and Epping. If it proves successful it will be rolled out across the rest of the county in October.

The aim is to give people who have been affected by certain crimes or anti-social behaviour the opportunity to tell the offender the impact it has had on them as well as ask questions and seek an apology.

Essex police and crime commissioner Nick Alston has created a restorative justice hub of agencies across the county who work to support the victims of

crime and reduce offending.

A full-time development manager has been appointed to oversee the pilot project and a team of volunteers have been recruited to arrange interactions between victims and offenders at face-to-face meetings or, indirectly, by letter or recorded message.

#### Experience

Speaking at this week's launch of the scheme, Paula Donohoe spoke about her experience of restorative justice after a teenage boy exposed himself to her while she was walking her dog.

After the incident left her angry and wanting to know why the youth had committed the crime, she was able to make a video in which she was able to ask him questions about his behaviour and express how traumatised his actions had left her.

Mr Alston said: "Paula's story

was very powerful and a compelling example of how the restorative justice process works. By confronting her perpetrator she was able to regain control of the situation and move on with her life.

"With the launch of our restorative justice hub I hope we can bring many more opportunities for other victims of crime to regain control of their situation and get closure, enabling them to move on.

"Furthermore I am also hopeful that by getting criminals to confront their actions, the work of the hub will play a key role in reducing reoffending."

To take part in the project, victims can be referred by agencies such as Victim Support or Essex Police or complete an online self-referral form which is available at [www.essex.pcc.police.uk/restorative-justice/](http://www.essex.pcc.police.uk/restorative-justice/).

## Still no solution to bridge note mystery

THE mystery of how a piece of paper bearing the names of three women – one of them from Harlow – came to be hidden in a bridge in Kenya remains unsolved.

Engineer David Horsey found the note while working on the Mombasa Nyali Bridge in 1982. Written on it were the names and addresses of three people including a 'Ruth Lang of Tithelands, Harlow, Essex'.

Mr Horsey kept the note but forgot all about it until his wife found it years later when they moved house.

Determined to solve the mystery and track down the three people on the note, Mr Horsey contacted

the Star and last week we published an appeal to find Ruth Lang. Within hours Ruth Thurgood, whose maiden name was Lang, got in touch... but she has no idea how, why or when the note was placed in the bridge.

"I have never been to Kenya so it might not even be me, but it is my name and Tithelands was my former address," she said. "I used to live there with my parents 30 years ago and I must have been about 18 then. It might have been at a time when I wrote to penpals, one of whom was from Kenya."

However, Mr Horsey said he was delighted at the response. "I was surprised to get a phone call from her so quickly and I was very pleased."

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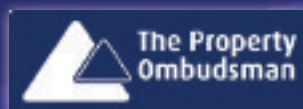


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# Firm praised for handling of diesel spill

Small amount of fuel leaked into brook

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ENVIRONMENTAL experts eased pollution fears after a quantity of red diesel oil leaked into Parndon Brook near Harlow this week.

After receiving calls from concerned residents concerned about the impact the spillage might have, officers from the Environment Agency were scene to investigate the spill at the premises of Nationwide Metal Recycling in Epping Road, Tyers Cross.

The diesel fuel, which is used in the agricultural and horticultural industries, had leaked from a damaged tap.

It is not yet known what caused the tap to leak although it is possible it could be related to Monday night's strong winds.

NMR director Jimmy Edwards said: "A tiny bit of the oil got into the water but everything else has been contained."

"There is no environmental impact whatsoever as the interceptor has done its job and managed to contain nearly all of the red diesel. We're bringing in a lorry to pump away the oil from the interceptor."

He added: "We've lost a lot of diesel and we're also having to pay to have it cleared up so it's all quite expensive."

One other possibility is that the leak could



**NO NEED TO WORRY:** A small amount of red diesel oil found its way into Parndon Brook

have been caused by an act of vandalism or an attempted theft. "I need to look through the CCTV files to find out more," said Mr Edwards.

Ross Bigley, a spokesman for the Environment Agency, praised the company for its handling of the situation and said it was unlikely the diesel that spilled into the brook had travelled far.

He said: "These guys have done well and have put all of the right measures in place. They have responded excellently."

"I will look for residue further down the stream but problems seem unlikely."



**SPLATTERED:** Leventhorpe School students and hospice staff prepare for the fun run

## Fun run will put colour in your cheeks

LEVENTHORPE School in Sawbridgeworth is to host a 5km Colour Me Happy fun run in aid of Isabel Hospice.

Runners competing in the cross-country event will start off wearing white but at every kilometre marker they will be showered with a different-coloured powder paint.

As it is a fun run and not a race there will be no finish times. That means people can hop, skip, jump or just walk round the course.

Last year's run, which was held

at Bishop's Stortford College, raised £21,000.

Hospice event co-ordinator Beth Hardy said: "We have opened up the Colour Me Happy 5k to children aged five and above due to popular demand. Last year families told us they wanted to run together and we think this is a great idea."

"Teams and families can enter at a discounted rate, so why not get friends, family or work colleagues together and put them in a team."

"The more runners, the better the

atmosphere will be and the more colourful the event."

Earlybird entry prices for the run – which takes place on Sunday, July 26 – are £18 for adults and £5 for children but are only available until Sunday. Registration on the day is £25 per adult and £15 per child.

To take advantage of the earlybird offer, sign up at [www.isabelhospice.org.uk](http://www.isabelhospice.org.uk) or call (01707) 382500. Companies willing to sponsor a colour station should call Beth on the same number.

# Easter Recycling in Harlow

Don't forget to recycle your Easter egg cardboard boxes and cards using your wheelie bin, blue boxes or big blue bin if you live in a flat.

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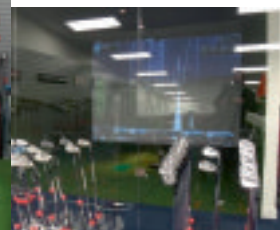
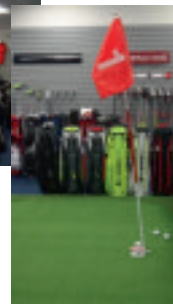
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We talk to the controversial Antipodean film star

**INSIDE:** Jodie May's festive florals for the Easter table; Molly's pick of the potions; Local drama and music **PLUS:** Mind-boggling holiday puzzles



## WHAT'S ON



## Youngsters in the spotlight

YOUNGSTERS from the Phoenix Theatre School in Harlow stepped into the spotlight at the Theatre Royal in London during a performance celebrating the work of a youth charity.

The troupe of 22, who brought the audience to their feet with a theatrical piece on the do's and don'ts of job interview technique, joined almost 500 young people from across London and Essex to mark the 15th anniversary Jack Petchey Foundation.

Ignite: A Festival of Youth featured

singing, dancing, theatrics, comedy sketches, an orchestral band, short film screenings, improvised spoken word and even a table tennis showcase, all created and performed by 11-25 year olds.

It brought together young people representing some of the charity's biggest programmes including the Speak Out Challenge, Panathlon, the Glee Club Challenge and Step into Dance.

The Phoenix members were

representing the foundation-sponsored Young Enterprise programme which helps to prepare young people for the world of work.

Phoenix Theatre School director and former Harlow Playhouse general manager Phil Dale said: "For many of the group this was the first time they have performed at a large, historic venue with an audience this size.

"It was a fantastic experience and I thought they performed exceptionally! I have personally seen and witnessed the

positive impact that the foundation has had on the lives of young people and we were delighted to be able to take part in this celebration."

The singing, dancing, theatrics, comedy sketches, an orchestral band, short film screenings and improvised spoken word,

The foundation, which was set up in 1999 by millionaire businessman Jack Petchey, has supported more than four million young people across London and Essex through a range of

programmes, grants and schemes. This year, it has awarded £910,000 to schools and groups in Harlow.

"I am proud of all the programmes we've been involved in and every young person who has participated," he said.

"Ignite was an amazing festival with a fantastic variety of entertainment. It was wonderful for the young people to be able to show off their talents, their confidence and their joy, and for us to celebrate them and their achievements. I couldn't be more proud."

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## Author Dorothy to reveal her secrets at Lit festival



**B**EST-SELLING author Dorothy Koomson is to offer insight into how she wrote her latest novel on the themes of identity and adoption. Koomson's breakthrough came in 2006 with her third novel, *My Best Friend's Girl*, which featured in the Richard and Judy Summer Reads Book Club.

Her 10th novel will be released on April 9.

That *Girl From Nowhere* asks the question: can you have a future without knowing your past?

The author of *The Ice Cream Girls* and *The Rose Petal Beach* will talk openly at Bishop's Stortford library at 7.15pm on Tuesday, April 21.

In the book, central character Clemency Smittson was adopted as a baby and the only connection she has to her birth mother is a

cardboard box decorated with butterflies.

As an adult, Clemency makes a drastic life change to move to Brighton, where she was born.

She has no idea that while she is there she will meet someone who knows all about the butterfly box and her parents.

As she pieces together truths about her adoption and childhood, shocking events make her reassess whether the price of having contact with her birth parents could be too high to pay.

■ Tickets to Koomson's talk cost £7, concessions £5 and can be bought at <http://purchasing.uk-plc.net/websites/menu.aspx?lngmenuid=988427> or by calling 01707 281533.



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# DIAMOND of an evening with JJ

For the past 20 years, the voice and music of Neil Diamond has been portrayed by JJ Jones all over the world including many years touring Australia and Europe.

*Hello Again* is his new show made up of two hours of unforgettable music celebrating the song writing genius, who has written such enormous hits as *Love on the Rocks*,

*Sweet Caroline* and *Cracklin' Rose*.

In the first part of the show, JJ takes you back to the early days of Neil's successes with songs such as *Solitary Man*, *Shilo*, *Song Sung Blue* and *Forever in Blue Jeans*.

The latter half is a more lively adaptation of his *Hot August Night* album and songs from the film *The Jazz Singer*, and features hits including *America*, *Hello Again* and

*Brother Loves Travelling Salvation Show*.

JJ combined with the power of his superb seven-piece band, the evening is a spellbinding recreation of Neil Diamond - live in concert.

■ A tribute to Neil Diamond will be at Harlow Playhouse on Thursday, May 21 at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £17.50-£20.50 from (01279) 431945.

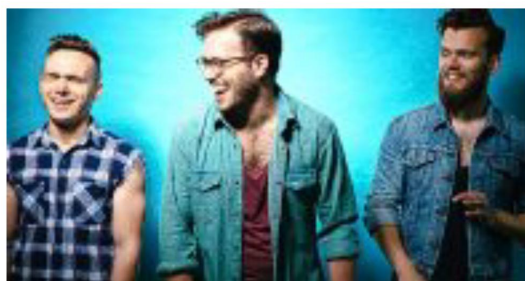
## Standon holds nae fear for Prides

THE crowds at Standon Calling hold no fears for Scottish synthpop trio Prides. The band, which formed in Glasgow in 2013, wowed the world when they played at the closing ceremony of the Commonwealth Games in their home town last August.

Pianist and lead singer Stewart Brock performed the track *Messiah* with guitarist Callum Wiseman and drummer Lewis Gardiner.

Stew, 28, who was born in Stoke, said: "It was an incredible experience, and nothing we could have ever imagined being involved with. Especially being such a new band it was a real honour to be asked, and everyone involved was really great."

"It was obviously a massive platform for us and a big part of how people have been introduced to our music. Plus we got to meet Kylie Minogue."



He explained how the band got together: "Myself and Lewis met at university studying music and have been in bands together ever since."

"We were working as a two-piece and met Callum through a mutual friend. Two became three, and Prides was born."

In February last year, the band released three-track EP *The*

*Seeds You Sow*.

Stew said: "There's a big '80s influence in what we do, we all love bands like Blue Nile, The Cure, Tears for Fears and Roxy Music. We're also the age that when Blink 182 came along, they changed everything, so we were all in pop punk bands, and listened to Jimmy Eat World and The Postal Service."

He said the first single he

bought was *Mmm Bop* by Hanson and first album was *Enema of the State* by Blink 182.

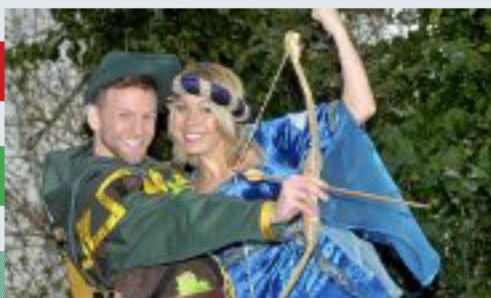
Stew was happy with Prides' retro reputation. He said: "Synthpop is the label that has seemed to stick, which makes sense, we play pop music, we use synthesisers."

"We've been very fortunate in that we've had a lot go right for us. The people we've been involved with have all been supportive and enthusiastic."

"It's the kind of industry that, whether things go right or wrong, everyone gets into for the right reasons, everyone loves music, and wants the best outcome possible."

However he said: "I think it's harder and harder for everyone to make money and technology has run ahead of labels in a lot of ways, but I think every creative industry has had a lot to contend with in those regards."

## WHAT'S ON



**FOREST FRIENDS:** Robin Hood is at The Playhouse

### ROBIN HOOD

**Where:** Harlow Playhouse  
**When:** Sunday, April 4 - Thursday, April 9  
**Cost:** £15.0-£17.50

Children's TV presenter Chris Edgerley stars as Robin and Amanda Swift as Maid Marion in this year's Easter panto. Cheer as Robin takes on the wicked Sheriff of Nottingham, who rules over the good people of Sherwood, collecting taxes to pay for his own evil plans. The auditions for Sherwood's Got Talent are the perfect distraction as the Sheriff kidnaps Maid Marion, but will Robin Hood and his very Merry Men be able to rescue her in time? "I've never played Robin before but I like the character and how he has to keep the merry men in order while trying to woo Maid Marion," said Chris. "Marion keeps playing hard to get and Robin has to really get his act together to impress her. It's great fun and I've really enjoyed working alongside Amanda." Join the gang and enjoy this adventurous Easter pantomime with laugh-a-minute jokes, animated projections and a collection of toe tapping, singalong songs the whole family will love.

### U2UK

**Where:** Harlow Playhouse  
**When:** Saturday, April 11  
**Cost:** £16-£19

Returning to the Harlow theatre for the second time, U2 tribute band U2UK will perform some of the greatest rock anthems ever written. U2UK's explosive live performance sets out to capture the Irish rockers' stadium shows with songs including *Beautiful Day*, *Bad*, *Sunday Bloody Sunday*, *Where The Streets Have No Name*, *Angel of Harlem*, *Desire*, *Mysterious Ways*, *Vertigo* and many more.

### JOE MCELDERRY - THE EVOLUTION TOUR

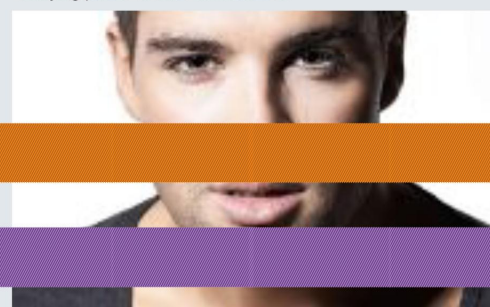
**Where:** Harlow Playhouse  
**When:** Sunday, April 12  
**Cost:** £19.50

2009 X-Factor winner Joe McElderry is hitting the road with a brand new show, showcasing his versatility as a performer which has won him a unique fan base. The Evolution Tour features new numbers and new routines which will entertain fans, old and new. Whether he's singing a pop hit or stunning the audience into silence with opera, Joe has evolved from boy crooner to the master of his craft.

### THE CRUCIBLE BY HARLOW THEATRE COMPANY

**Where:** Victoria Hall Theatre, Old Harlow  
**When:** Wednesday, April 15 - Saturday, April 18  
**Cost:** £11 (£9 concessions)

Directed by Paul Johnson, Arthur Miller's classic play inspired by the McCarthy hearings in the USA in the 1950s is set during the Salem witch trials in Massachusetts in the 1600s. In a small tight-knit community, personal grievances collide with lust and superstition, fuelling widespread hysteria. Miller's timeless parable attacks the evils of mindless persecution and the terrifying power of false accusations.



**SINGING BEAU:** X Factor winner Joe McElderry

**Gig guide at [www.harlowstar.co.uk](http://www.harlowstar.co.uk)**



# FILMGUIDE

Russell Crowe couldn't give a monkey's what others think of him. In the age of selfies, and the very real possibility for A-Listers to have their mugs surreptitiously snapped and then splashed across social media, many actors would feel the need to preen for their public, both physically and in what they say.

Russell Crowe is not that man.

With a full day of interviews to discuss his directorial debut *The Water Diviner*, in which he also stars, he is relaxed and prepared for battle in his slouchy black hoodie and jeans – a pack of cigarettes closely at hand for a crafty drag.

"I know so many actors who would freak out about going on a television show with all these grey hairs poking out," says the 50-year-old, shrugging.

"I haven't had my eyes done or whatever. I am who I am. I'm totally comfortable in my own skin."

Comfortable – and defiant. Earlier this year, Crowe sparked controversy when he spoke out about how growing older has changed the roles he considers, and suggested his female counterparts who find it hard to land roles shouldn't look to play the "ingenue" forever.

He went on to name check Helen Mirren and Meryl Streep (even finding an ally in *The Iron Lady* star) as shining examples of actors who have continued their success well into their 60s.

"The benefit of being an actor, one of the benefits, is there are always roles to play, whatever age you are," explains Crowe, who was born in New Zealand but grew up in Australia.

"But it never gets less competitive. I think that's where some people have a fundamental problem. If they've achieved a level of success, then [they think] that level of success should remain for the rest of their lives, but that's not reality."

He had a firm but fair approach to directing on set, insisting on giving his cast and crew proper time off to see their families, and allowing the odd pint or play on one of the Space Invaders or pinball machines he hired for them, in return for giving "their absolute best work" while they were on set.

"Success needs to be constantly nurtured, otherwise it's a memory of success, if success is important to you," he adds.

"I'm a very ambitious b\*stard and I want to be working at the highest levels of the business, and if you're going to do that, that takes effort."

A firm believer in graft, he clearly enjoys throwing his all into a project.

"Nobody hands you a damned thing in this world," he continues. "It's only the fact that you apply energy and effort that will give you that [success]."

"For me, to say what I said [about ageing], I was just turning it back into myself, and saying it would be embarrassing pretending that I'm still some young buck."

Granted then, Crowe, who has two sons with his estranged wife Danielle Spencer, isn't one to rest on his laurels.

After a hugely successful career, finding global acclaim in his 30s for his Academy Award-winning role in *Gladiator* and Bafta win for *A Beautiful Mind*, he has stepped up to direct *The Water Diviner*.

Also starring Bond actress Olga Kurylenko, the film is based on a true story of a grieving Australian father, who goes to Gallipoli to find out what's happened to his three sons, who've been reported missing in action in the First World War.

"When I'm looking for scripts as an actor, I'm looking for one that I have a visceral connection to; goosebumps, churning stomach, sweating brow, making notes immediately on behalf of the character, correcting dialogue," he says with a gradual smile.

"And that was happening when I was reading the script [for *The Water Diviner*]. But the other thing that was happening, which I'm totally unused to and has never happened [before], was where I had a fundamental belief that I was the only person in the entire universe that could tell this story the way it [was meant to be told]."

"I wanted to be responsible for the story, and I wanted to make sure the story came across to people in the way I was reading it."

While others might wrangle with the notion of being both director and leading man, Crowe relished the chance to get stuck in.

"Mel Gibson, when he was going to direct his first film, called Jodie Foster and said, 'Right, you've directed yourself in a movie before. Any advice?' And she said, 'One word'," he continues, chuckling. "And he said, 'What is it?' And she said, 'don't do it!'"

But that didn't put Crowe off, who says the transition was a "natural, easy" one.

Working on films, he says, "you learn the things you definitely want to do, other times you learn sh\*t that you don't want to do".

"I learned very clearly that film is a relentless pursuit, and you have to match the task with an equally relentless energy."

And just like his well-documented passion for Leeds United and Rugby League, Crowe approaches his fame with an equal

# CROWE takes the REINS

He may not be able to play the 'young buck' forever, but **Russell Crowe** is hungry to keep challenging himself. **Keeley Bolger** finds out all about his directorial debut

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level of energy. It's just that rather than gloat about his lot, he's fully committed to popping the celebrity bubble.

"Twitter has got nothing to do with egotism; it's actually got to do with simply communicating," says the actor, who admits the social network is very useful in putting out his truth, if he feels he's been misquoted.

"If you're afraid of your audience and of people, or you don't like talking to people, that's another thing, but I don't have any of those fears."

"I think it's healthy to deglamorise what I do. I've always been that person that says, 'You put me on a pedestal, and I'll find a way to torch that pedestal immediately'."

■ *The Water Diviner* is released on April 3

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**THICK OF THE ACTION:**  
Russell Crowe directs and stars in *The Water Diviner*

## ON SCREEN at Harlow Cineworld



**FAST & FURIOUS 7** (certificate 12A, 139mins) Thursday 00:05 Friday-Thursday 10:45 13:00 14:00 16:15 17:15 19:30 20:30 21:00

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**BIG HERO 6** (certificate U, 114mins) Thursday (April 2) 12:45

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**PADDINGTON** (certificate PG, 95mins) Thursday 10:20 Friday-Thursday 10:00

**PENGUINS OF MADAGASCAR** (certificate U, 92mins) Thursday 10:10 Friday-Thursday 10:00

**TINKER BELL AND THE LEGEND OF THE NEVERBEAST** (certificate U, 76mins) Thursday (April 2) 10:10

### Unlimited screening

**JOHN WICK** (certificate 15, 101mins) Tuesday 20:15

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# Pretty displays for the EASTER table

Hello my little Easter bunnies! Easter is around the corner - so I thought I'd get a little festive and throw together a couple of super quick and easy flower displays. Like most people, I don't have the time to make anything extravagant, so the following displays won't take you longer than 10 minutes to make, but they look beautifully festive and oh so pretty - in fact, such a pretty display would also be ideal for a spring wedding! Let's get started, by cracking open the choccy eggs...



## RUSTIC LIVING

Jodie May writes about craft, nature and a rural life

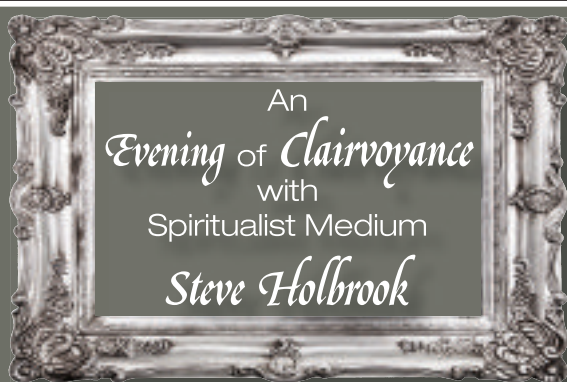
### HYACINTH FLOWER & MOSS TABLE DISPLAY

Gather...some stones & compost; container of some sort; hyacinths - bulbs or just coming into flower; moss - you'll find it growing anywhere damp ie near streams; optional eggs to decorate (choccy mini eggs would be perfect)

#### How to make:

The images above are pretty self explanatory, you simply pop some stones into your container for drainage. Add a layer of compost, then add your flowers/bulbs and add more compost (leaving the top of the bulbs exposed). Then just cover the top with moss. You can break off pieces at a time and mould it into the shape you need.

**TIP #1** Once hyacinths flower they droop quickly. Use pretty chopsticks to wedge them up should this happen. Also, if you're planning to make this really close to Easter (a few days) then choose hyacinths that are not fully in bloom (ie have closed petals.) Note, this project would also work for bulbs, just make sure you don't cover them completely with the moss!



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# Prize PRODUCTS



Last Monday, I decided to take a little walk to get some fresh air and 'clear my head'. Unfortunately the only clearing of my head was concussion after tripping up and tumbling down a concrete hill, landing jaw first, followed by my shoulders and knees. Yes Ouch!

So this week, I haven't ventured out much (apart from having x-rays), and instead have been catching up on some Netflix films, a nice change from Sophia the First. I've also been testing, applying and slapping various lotions and potions on my face to bring you my favourite products of the month. Here are the results.

**Pro Blo Curl Me, £35, www.problogroup.com**

Last week I took to Twitter to absolutely rave about this hair appliance – why? Well it's all down to one simple idea that works wonders in achieving the biggest, bounciest and shiniest blow dry. A professional blow dry in a salon will often involve the stylist using a barrel brush and then leaving the brush in place to cool down and 'set' the curl, whilst then moving onto another section with a different brush. Once the brushes have cooled down the stylist will take them out and you'll be left with bouncing curls. Of course we all don't own several barrel brushes, which is where this ingenious idea comes up trumps. It involves a detachable handle and several shaped barrels. Simply blow dry a section, press the release clip and leave the barrel in the hair to cool down. You use your own hair dryer and it makes blow-drying easy even for a novice like me. The barrels didn't get tangled up in my hair and I was left with such bouncy curls, I had to flatten my hair! There is a huge celebrity following and as Michelle Keegan states "I love it because it's really easy to use."

**He-Shi Gold Foaming Mousse Medium, £26, Boots Stores**

I tested this fake tan a few months ago and since then despite testing many others, it has become my absolute favourite. Whether it's because the mousse is easy to apply and doesn't squirt everywhere like many do, or whether it's because the colour develops into a beautiful olive shade, which suits my skin tone, I am sticking to this one. The streak free application means I can carelessly apply when I'm in a rush, and when it does fade there are no patchy marks!

**Dead Sea Spa Magik Dead Sea Bath Salts, £3.95, www.shopforspa.com**

Whilst I love my pampering



bath products, the one essential always in my bathroom cupboard are these salts. After a day in the gym, these therapeutic salts relieve any aches and pains from an over-worked body. Not only do they relieve stress but are also anti-inflammatory, help reduce fluid retention, aid in healing of skin conditions such as psoriasis, eczema and acne and are also antiseptic. A staple for both men and women and the perfect antidote for a bruised body like mine!

**Cult 51 Immediate Effect Serum, £95, www.cult51.com**

Last year I was lucky enough to get my hands on the 'waiting list' product, loved by Beauty Editors, Cult 51 a luxury '3D' night cream. The reason the beauty world went into a tizzy, was the founder was a highly respected scientist and the mastermind behind many high-end skin brands. Using his field of knowledge and expertise, he lovingly created this wonder cream, which has 51 benefits using ingredients proven to work.

Now he has launched the ultimate anti-ageing product - Cult 51 Immediate Effect Serum. The light gel once applied literally diminishes crepey lines (especially around the eye area), by

nearly up to 50 per cent. The serum works to strengthen blood vessels and stimulate collagen. I have only just started using the serum and already noticed a difference around my eye area, I even did a test and asked my friend which eye had applied it to, and she got it right! Every product has a unique selling point and this one is the visible difference you can see when using Cult products. For more information check out the website and read the raving reviews – yes it is expensive but a little goes a long way and is the best alternative to Botox!

**LUSH Easter Collection, prices from £2.50, Lush stores nationwide**

I know I feature LUSH regularly but they are constantly surprising customers with new and enticing bath products. This Easter sees the launch of Hoppity Popcity bath bomb £2.50, a herbal fizzing experience with popping candy thrown in for good measure; Bunch of Carrots Bubble Bar £5.95 a reusable bubble bath, filled with Lemon essential oils and Golden Egg Bath Melt a shimmering, molten gold and honey-toffee scented melt. Unique, fun and something for everyone!

**Dr Bronner's Castile Liquid Soaps, £1.99, www.asos.com**

I love a multi-purpose product and this travel sized bottle has 18 uses making it a must have for travelling.

To name but a few this wonder product cleans clothes; is suitable for body/hair wash; prevents midges from biting; gives a clean shave; treats cuts and grazes and can even be used to brush your teeth! Completely organic and containing no synthetic fibres, fragrances etc., which makes it suitable for the whole family.

**Gazelli Ultimate Firming Serum, £75, www.gazelliskincare.com**

This company was founded by Dr Zarifa Hamzayeva, and focuses its skincare line on the rare healing oil native to Azerbaijan, Gazelli White Oil. Clinical studies found 89 per cent of participants noticed an improvement in wrinkles in 28 days and 96 per cent an improvement on skin quality. This miracle serum also contains other key ingredients include Lipoic Acid, Sodium Hyaluronate and Pomegranate, known to protect skin, hydrate and tone.

■ Email Molly at [askmollybeauty@gmail.com](mailto:askmollybeauty@gmail.com) or follow her on Twitter @askmollybeauty.

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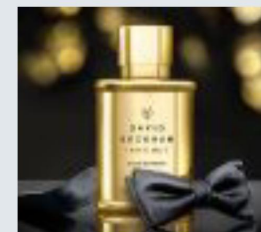
**GADGET: HOMEDICS NEWA £199 (www.boots.com)**  
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"After six weeks, my age lines are still there, but they are definitely less defined. My face feels firmer, my skin looks a bit brighter, and, dare I say it? Everything is just a bit less saggy."

**Verdict: 4/5**



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**MOTHER & CHILDRENS CAR BOOT - 12th APRIL**  
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**ARIES MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Try not to say things you don't mean just for effect or it will come back on you. Focus instead on the mental list you've made for this month. There is much that can be achieved with a little focus and self control. Fun times link to new faces you meet through a work link mid month. Give me a ring now to hear why I'm so excited about your career in the coming ten months.

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**TAURUS APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

Someone you thought had let you down surprises you with their actions and you start to look at what is possible, rather than what's not. Use the sixth sense the stars are blessing you with to work out who's using you and who's giving as well as taking from you emotionally. You should find your friendship circle alters dramatically if you do. Ring now for an intriguing love prediction.

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**GEMINI MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

You start to feel more serious about your career from the 2nd and you take steps to educate yourself. Your ruling planet Mercury also makes you more able to socialise without anxiety. No something you found easy last month. You find your feet again and actions you take to progress with relationships are proof of this. Ring now to hear why family must be a priority between the 18th and 25th.

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**CANCER JUNE 22 - JULY 22**

There don't seem to be enough hours in the day for you at the moment Cancer. Has it occurred to you that you're taking on more than you should? Try to write a list of your priorities. You may be surprised when you see where certain people and subjects fit in. New attractions from the 21st April make for a feeling of fresh starts and new beginnings. Ring now, I have much more to tell you.

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**LEO JULY 23 - AUGUST 23**

You'll be meeting with people who can help you to shape your career in the ways which weren't possible at the beginning of the year due to the personal circumstances you found yourself in. Don't be dragged into dramas which older faces are creating or you'll only be adding fuel to the fire. Give me a ring now to hear why I'm certain a calmer home life is approaching.

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**VIRGO AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 22**

Your element of earth is making it hard for you to adapt to the immediate changes which others want you to be a part of. You have the right to ask for more details though Virgo, so don't be emotionally manipulated or humiliated into rushing. This could be their tactic to get their own way. Give me a ring now to hear why you mustn't rule out education and training later this month.

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**LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 23**

Every successful person finds that great success lies just beyond the point where they are convinced the idea is not going to work. Keep going Libra, by Friday you will discover your dreams can become reality and that you have help from a most powerful and unexpected source. Ring now to hear why it's worth accepting all party and celebration invites this week.

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**SCORPIO OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 21**

You're mourning something which happened in the past, but it's time you moved on. You're actually bigger and stronger than what occurred and the sooner you realise this, the sooner the smile will be on your face again. Offers of nights out should be accepted. In fact, they should turn out to be just what the doctor ordered. Call now to hear how Mercury brings family back together again.

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**SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 20**

Rumours are likely to be unfounded, so try not to act in too rash a manner or you could spend the rest of the month eating humble pie! Take it slow in your career and pay attention to detail as opportunity comes from you showing what a professional you are, rather than a sign who takes silly chances. Gambles in love, however, are blessed. Ring now to make the most of this exciting month.

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**CAPRICORN DECEMBER 21 - JANUARY 20**

A stubborn mood could see you bringing a relationship to an end which had not even properly got off the ground. Stop and take a breath Capricorn as your pride could be standing in the way of your happiness. Use the contacts you have to get things sorted in your career and you can tie things up within days which usually take weeks to finalise. Ring now to hear how the Moon brings old friends back.

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**AQUARIUS JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

The need to flirt could see you getting into all sorts of trouble this week. Just make sure you find out sooner rather than later who is single and who is attached or you could end up getting yourself a reputation. New career paths beckon, but don't be put off by the amount of work and training needed. This is your time professionally. Ring now so I can help you be the best you can.

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**PISCES FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

You find out this week who is on your side and who has been using you for their own gain. Try not to be too harsh on younger people in your life who may have been through more than you imagine. Lending them an ear should be one of your main priorities this week. Gemini link to career breaks. Ring now to hear why it's worth keeping a tidier home this month.

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### SUDOKU

Fill in the grid in such a way that every row and column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9.

#### Easy

6		5		3				1
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#### Medium

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#### Hard

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#### Killer

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For Killer Sudoku, the normal rules of Sudoku apply. However, in addition, the digits in each inner shape (marked by dotted lines) must add up to the number in the top corner of the shape.

### CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8				9		
10		11				
13			14		15	16
17	18			19		20
21				22	23	
						25

25 Items put up in Christie's to let people bid for them (4)

**DOWN**

2 News of Italian returning before bell sounds (7)

3 Used to be a tailless stinger (3)

4 Animal's all right to stand over a foreign character (5)

5 Stencil produced for the customers (7)

6 Troublesome to be confined round gate in field (9)

7 Turn in wind (5)

11 China Bill smashed caused painful swelling (9)

14 Paint I'm mixing in drums (7)

16 Welsh dish - unusual piece (7)

18 Universal pointless kind of strip (5)

20 One convent member bandaging foot, initially as a joke (2,3)

23 A couple of lines, that's the lot (3)

**ACROSS**

1 Pack away some of the children's towels (4)

4 Part of the skull of noisy animal, I suggest (7)

8 Place in southern Rhodes, say (6)

9 Lint is odd to fix in the mind (6)

10 One caught in the country showing idleness (8)

12 Greek character in Rio, tanned (4)

13 Awful thirst for informal garment (1-5)

15 Make a mistake in retiring with a drink (6)

17 One crossed line evident in this cable (4)

19 I'm sure to dispel dampness (8)

21 Animal trapped in Blenheim Palace (6)

22 Iron-encased meat served very hot (6)

24 Transfer prisoner with placard (7)

### PATHFINDER

Beginning with the highlighted square, follow a continuous path to find the listed 'printed matter'. The trail passes through each and every letter once and may twist up, down or sideways but never diagonally.

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C	U	M	E	E	K	W	S	P	K	A
J	R	E	Y	T	C	I	T	A	C	N
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Each line across and down is to be filled with the numbers 1 to 5. The same number cannot occur more than once in any line. Your only clues are the numbers given and whether a number is greater than (>) or smaller than (<) the adjacent number.

3				

### TOTALIZED

The 25-second ultimate challenge from Puzzler Brain Trainer. Follow the instructions from left to right, starting with the number given to reach an answer at the end.

**EASY** 64  $\div \frac{3}{8}$  OF IT  $\div 5$   $\times 3$  TREBLE IT  $\div 6$   $+ 10$   $\times 5$   $- 14$   $\div 8$  **ANSWER**

**MEDIUM** 7 SQUARE IT  $+ 23$   $\div \frac{5}{12}$  OF IT  $\times 3$   $\div \frac{2}{5}$  OF IT  $\div 15$  HALF OF IT  $- 12$   $\times 45$  **ANSWER**

**HARDER** 96  $- 46$   $\div \frac{1}{10}$  OF IT HALF OF IT CUBE IT  $\div \frac{5}{10}$  OF IT  $\div 25$   $\div \frac{3}{10}$  OF IT  $+ 13$   $\times 12$  **ANSWER**

### QUICK CROSSWORD

Both sets of clues fit both grids

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8						
10		11				
13			14		15	16
17	18			19		20
21				22	23	
						25

**ACROSS**

1 Opera melody (4)

4 Impressionist's art (7)

8 Get hold of (6)

9 Disgusting, obnoxious (6)

10 Unrefined fuel (5,3)

12 Soft pear-shaped fruits (4)

13 Brief rainfall (6)

15 Straw for a roof (6)

17 Russian ruler (4)

19 Foot soldiers (8)

21 Measure of heaviness (6)

22 Put (money) by (4,2)

**DOWN**

2 Incarnation (7)

3 Alias (ints)(3)

4 Exotic fruit (5)

5 Naturally illuminated (7)

6 Tribal leader (9)

7 Juvenile (5)

11 Out-and-out (9)

14 Swagger (7)

16 Revel (7)

18 Conch (5)

20 Pernickety (5)

23 Brand-name scourer (3)

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### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

**Sudoku: Easy**

4	8	2	6	1	3	7	9	5
7	9	1	4	8	5	6	2	3
3	6	5	9	7	2	4	8	1
5	2	3	1	4	7	8	6	9
6	7	4	5	9	8	1	3	2
9	1	8	3	2	6	5	7	4
1	5	6	8	3	9	2	4	7
8	3	7	2	5	4	9	1	6
2	4	9	7	6	1	3	5	8

**Sudoku: Medium**

2	1	9	8	3	6	7	4	5
6	8	7	4	9	5	2	1	3
4	3	5	7	1	2	6	9	8
3	9	6	2	5	8	1	7	4
7	4	1	3	6	9	5	8	2
8	5	2	1	4	7	9	3	6
9	7	8	6	2	4	3	5	1
1	2	4	5	7	3	8	9	6
5	6	3	9	8	1	4	2	7

**Sudoku: Hard**

6	9	4	1	2	8	5	3	7
5	3	2	9	7	6	4	8	1
8	1	7	3	5	4	2	6	9
7	8	9	4	1	5	3	2	6
1	5	3	2	6	7	9	4	8
2	4	6	8	3	9	7	1	5
9	2	8	7	4	1	5	3	6
4	6	1	5	9	3	8	7	2
3	7	5	6	8	2	1	9	4

**Sudoku: Killer**

4	5	3	9	6	2	7	8	1
1	2	8	7	3	4	9	6	5
6	7	9	5	1	8	4	3	2
9	6	2	8	4	3	1	5	7
5	4	1	6	7	9	3	2	8
8	3	7	1	2	5	6	4	9
3	9	4	2	5	1	8	7	6
2	1	6	4	8	7	5	9	3
7	8	5	3	9	6	2	1	4

**Futoshi**

3	5	2	4	1
4	2	1	3	5
1	4	5	2	3
5	3	4	1	2
2	1	3	5	4

**Pathfinder**

P	T	I	N	G	P	S	A	L	M
E	A	O	R	O	A	L	L	I	T
E	R	A	R	O	R	E	L	E	C
W	E	P	A	R	E	E	F	E	M
A	S	V	R	I	N	U	A	N	I
I	S	B	O	O	L	E	T	A	L
N	O	N	O	G	O	O	Y	B	
R	O	G	E	R	N	O	N	E	
T	R	I	N	D	A	T	O	R	
G	I	N	O	R	O	U	M	A	

**Quick Crossword**

C	O	B	L	E	A	S	P	I	T	E
E	M	A	S	E	R	A	B	L	E	
R	O	S	R	E	P	A	R	A	B	L
S	L	I	R	E	S	A	N	C	E	
E	M	B	O	O	L	E	T	A	L	
S	L	I	R	E	S	A	N	C	E	
K	E	Y	B	O	O	L	E	T	A	L
R	E	A	D	I	N	G	O	P	T	
T	R	I	N	D	A	T	O	R		
R	E	B	E	D	A	D	O	L	E	

**Cryptic Crossword**

C	O	B	L	E	A	S	P	I	T	E
E	M	A	S	E	R	A	B	L	E	
R	O	S	R	E	P	A	R	A	B	L
S	L	I	R	E	S	A	N	C	E	
E	M	B	O	O	L	E	T	A	L	
S	L	I	R	E	S	A	N	C	E	
K	E	Y	B	O	O	L	E	T	A	L
R	E	A	D	I	N	G	O	P	T	
T	R	I	N	D	A	T	O	R		
R	E	B	E	D	A	D	O	L	E	



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## STYLISH AND PRACTICAL



### AT A GLANCE

- **Car:** Citroën Grand C4 Picasso 1.6 (115 Airream) HDi Exclusive
- **Price OTR:** £25,910
- **Gearbox:** 6-speed manual
- **Power:** 114 PS @ 3600 rpm
- **Torque:** 270 Nm
- **Economy:** 70.6 mpg (combined)
- **CO2 Emissions:** 105 g/km
- **Insurance:** 19E

### TESTED Citroën Grand C4 Picasso

#### Philip Shoulder

**T**he Citroën Grand C4 Picasso has always been a very strong contender in the large MPV market. This latest incarnation builds on its predecessor's strengths.

Visually the Grand C4 Picasso stands out amongst the large MPV crowd. Key design features include: a chevron grille and ultra-slim LED running lights. Roof rails and different tail lamps also differentiate this seven seater.

Based on a new lighter weight platform and boasting improved aerodynamics means the Grand C4 Picasso is now more fuel efficient, with CO2 reduced by 30g/km on average, compared to its predecessor. Also new is the 6-speed clutchless manual gearbox – ETG6 (6-speed Efficient Tronic Gearbox) – available with e-HDi 90 and e-HDi 115 versions. With the ETG6 'box, drivers can switch from manual to automatic mode at any time, depending on their requirements and the driving environment.

The e-HDi 90 Airream engine, with the ETG6, emits just 98 g/km with an impressive combined fuel consumption of 74.3mpg. However, the range's most popular model, the e-HDi 115, can still manage 104g/km of CO2 emissions (105g/km for the manual version) with a combined fuel economy of 70.6mpg.

Also available is the new Euro 6 compliant BlueHDi engine fitted with Citroën's innovative Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) system – which significantly reduces NOx emissions (by 90 per cent), whilst also cutting CO2 emissions.

Performance from the e-HDi 115 is perfectly adequate, even with seven people on board. Refinement from this unit is impressive, too. A more powerful (but less refined) 2.0 litre diesel motor is quicker, but a less even power delivery means its real-world driveability isn't as good as with the smaller engine.

Petrol options are a 1.6 with 118bhp, or a 154bhp turbocharged version of the same engine.

Overall refinement levels are good, with wind and road noise levels well suppressed, making the Grand C4 Picasso a relaxing cruiser.

The Grand C4 Picasso's pliant suspension results in a smooth, comfortable ride, although the payoff is a considerable amount of body roll through corners. Thankfully this doesn't make the car feel unwieldy and there's plenty of grip available. However, the light steering, which is such a boon around town, results in a rather remote feel on the open road.

Unfortunately, changes from both the manual and semi-automatic gearboxes aren't great: the manual's shift is rather notchy, while the semi-automatic is jerky. Better the fully automatic.

Step inside the Citroën and you're immediately greeted by a spacious and airy feel and great visibility from the driver's seat, thanks to an enormous windscreen and split-front A-pillars. Citroën has gone for a minimalist style in the cabin of the Grand C4 Picasso. The majority of

functions and controls centre around a 12-inch touch-screen and centre console.

The Picasso proves a comfortable companion, too, with plenty of head and leg room for all passengers. Impressively, there's also good accessibility to the two rear-most seats, courtesy of a clever clamshell configuration system. Boot space impresses too, with 632 litres to 2,181 litres of space on offer, depending on how many of the rear seats are folded flat.

All trim specifications get air-con, alloy wheels, Bluetooth and a USB socket, with VTR+ models getting a digital radio, dual-zone climate control, rear parking sensors and automatic lights and wipers. Moving up the range, Exclusive adds sat-nav and a rear camera. More luxurious Exclusive+ trim adds a self-parking system, panoramic sunroof and automated tailgate.

**Verdict:** Boasting stylish looks, the Citroën Grand C4 Picasso impresses with its practicality, space and running costs.



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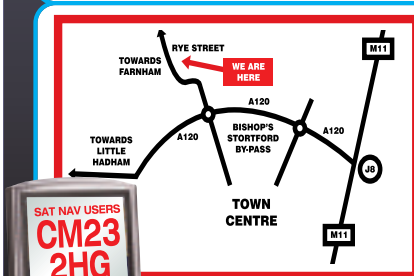
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The following applications have been received by Harlow District Council. These applications and others received can be inspected at Harlow Council Planning Services, Civic Centre, The Water Gardens, Harlow, Essex CM20 1WG on Monday-Friday, 9am-4.45pm. If you are unable to view the plans during these times, please telephone Planning Services on 01279 446856 where a suitable appointment can be made with the relevant case officer.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications should write to the Council at the above address within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Application No	HW/PL/15/00116	Ward: Harlow Common
Application Type	Full Planning Permission	
Location	Nicholls Field Pavilion, Nicholls Field, Harlow	
Proposal	Refurbishment and extension to Nicholls Field Pavilion.	

Reason for Advert	Harlow District Council Application
Application No	HW/PL/15/00092
Ward:	Mark Hall
Application Type	Full Planning Permission
Location	Gates Of Harlow, Edinburgh Way, Harlow, CM20 2EJ

Proposal	Demolition of existing main car dealership and replacement with a new two-storey dealership including retained undercroft, with new decked car parking area to the rear.
Reason for Advert	Major Development

Application No	HW/PL/15/00142	Ward: Old Harlow
Application Type	Removal or Variation of Condition	
Location	Land to North of Gliden Way, Harlow	
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Members of the public may inspect a copy of the application at Edinburgh Way, Harlow, Essex, CM20 2DB during all reasonable hours until 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015, at 17:00.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Harlow Council at Civic Centre, The Water Gardens, College Square, Harlow, CM20 1WG by 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015

Signed: Alist







## Praise for ten men in final

PARSLOE Athletic earned praise for their excellent football despite going down 7-2 in the Essex Sunday Junior Cup final at Brightlingsea Regent FC after being reduced to ten men in the first half.

Ant Webb was sent off near the half-hour mark for denying a goalscoring opportunity by trying to stop a shot with his hands.

It was the second successive year Parsloe had lost in the final of this competition, after being beaten 3-2 by Belfry 12 months earlier.

The Harlow & District League side were only the second team ever to reach consecutive Sunday Junior Cup finals.

Parsloe took the lead in the 13th minute. Simon Williams floated a deep free-kick into the penalty area and prolific marksman Gavin Cockman angled a deft header in off the left-hand upright.

Manor House levelled on 26 minutes through substitute Lewis Payne, who planted a powerful header through a sea of bodies and into the net.

The game changed when Parsloe defender Webb handled on the goal line, leaving referee Ray Wells with no option but to show him a red card.

Billy Reynolds compounded the Harlow side's misery by converting the awarded penalty.

But the ten men showed great fight and equalised through skipper Dean McAteer seven minutes before half-time.

But Liam Geaney put Manor 3-2 up just before the break.

Geaney made it 4-2 in the 56th minute before Reynolds scored their fifth from a free-kick on 77 minutes.

Geaney completed his hat-trick with five minutes remaining, while full-back Reynolds then notched his treble from Manor's second penalty of the game near the end.

Manor House boss Barry Jones said: "You could see what Parsloe were about. They passed it and put us under pressure. They were good. They worked hard for each other and put their tackles in. Fair play to them. They've been here two years on the trot, so obviously they're a good side, and perhaps they'll go and win it next year. Good luck to them."

**PARSLOE ATH:** Purdue, Webb (sent off 28, Hayden, Dangerfield, A. Williams, S. Williams, Clark, Cockman, Hewitt, Bullock, McAteer.

## Results

**HARLOW PREMIER DARTS LEAGUE:** Saw-bridgeworth Brewery 5 (Jason Phillips 180, Rob Winslow 180), Green Link 3 (Damian Green 180, Ron Green 180); Tye Green Pirates 6 (Mick Rout 180, Mick McNally 120 outshot), Tye Green Foxes 2; Moot House 1, White Admiral 7 (John Cashman 144 outshot); Servo Link 6, Paringdon Lions 2 (Jack Hood 180); Golden Swift 2, Colt Hatch Social 6 (Jason Sutton 180).

**HARLOW RUGBY CLUB YOUTH RESULTS:** Chingford Festival Plate final: Harlow U12s 4, Upper Clapton 1 (Sidnie Ward 3 tries, Jacob Frankowski 1 the Harlow U12s bt Chingford 3-1 in the Plate semi-final with Sidnie Ward (2) and Jacob Frankowski scoring, they had lost twice in the main competition).

Minis results: Harlow Rams 2 (tries), Woodford Wolves 4; Harlow Rams 2, Eton Manor 3; Harlow Rams 4, Romford 3; Harlow Saints 1, Woodford Wolves 3; Harlow Saints 0, Romford 2; Harlow Saints 2, Eton Manor 3.

**TEN PIN BOWLING:** In the Senior Rollers League, a season best three game series by Chris Precious (156, 165 and 178) totalled 499. Another good week by John Ward saw him close the gap to league leader Paul Chatterton to just four points.

Members of the Youth Bowling Club played members of the Senior Rollers League. The Senior Rollers League came out on top with a score of 2971 to the youth team's 2913. However the star of the morning's play was again seven-year-old Ella Braby, who improved her high game for the third time in four weeks with a score of 85.

# Jemima scoops Essex Primary School title

HARLOW Athletic Club had 26 young athletes take part in the Essex Primary Schools Cross Country Championships at a very wet and windy Southend.

The athletes had qualified through the West Essex Schools Championships, organised by Church Langley School deputy headteacher David Stacey and held at Paringdon Sports Club.

Pride of place at Southend last Thursday went to Year 3 HAC's Jemima Pratt, who won the 900m race, beating around 140 other runners to be crowned Essex Primary Schools county champion.

She was followed by Harlow club-mates Lilly Smith (37th); Millie Carter (39th) and Sophie Brennan (65th).

In the Year 4 girls' race, HAC's Elizabeth Woods won a brilliant bronze medal. She was followed by club-mates Larna Morgan (18th), Madeleine Bailey (21st), Alicia Bovel (39th) and Sadie Collier (73rd).

In the Year 4 boys' race over 900m, HAC's Frankie Edwards was pipped for the bronze as he came fourth. Thomas Smith was 26th, Jack Rushworth 34th, Ben Savidge 36th and Rafferty Groat



**SUCCESS:** (From left) Elizabeth Woods, Jemima Pratt and Frankie Edwards

49th.

Other HAC results:- Year 5 girls' one-mile race: Ellie Callaghan 20th; Sian Kearney 70th; Ava Quill 85th.

Year 5 boys' one-mile race: Darryn Gerty 29th; William Smith 121st.

Year 6 girls' one-mile race: Mackenzie Cranfield 17th; Ellen

Savidge 36th; Katie Brennan 45th; Chloe Reynolds 77th.

Year 6 boys one-mile race: Alfie Collier 24th; Oliver Carter 63rd; Henry Quill 71st.

# Runners reign at Hampton Court

## Duo compete in inaugural half marathon

by Alan Scott

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for the distance of 2.43:10, a new HRC U20 record.

Other times were: Brendon Maclean, 270th in 2.45:09; Sandi Rust, 326th in 2.51:44 (PB); John Tennant, 333rd in 2.51:56; Andy Ramage 512th in 3.05:18; Janice Page, 528th in 3.57:59; David Page 691st in 3.26:10; and Holly Nairn, 792nd in 3.45:47.

Meanwhile at the Colchester Half Marathon Vicky Steadman was 356th out of 1923 in a superb 1.43:22.

She was followed home by Terry Pike, 1285th in 2.07:20; Donna Carr, 1350th in 2.12:13 (distance debut); and Vicky Calver, 1817th in 2.37:58.

At the Daffodil Dawdle Cross Country Race, an off road marathon run over rolling countryside through woodland and pasture on the Suffolk/Cambs border, Darren Coates was ninth in 4.18.

At the Braintree 5 Mile race, Rob Lowe was fourth out of 386 in 29.38. He was followed home by Pasquale Pellicchia, 87th in 38:12; Robin Lozeau, 95th in 38:39; Jim Bates, 103rd and 2nd Vet 70 (distance debut) 39:12 (a new HRC Vet 70 record by 9 mins); and Debbie Barry, 145th in 41:55.

Richard Solomons was 40th out of 423 finishers at the Basingstoke parkrun 5K and 1st Vet 60 in a superb 21:07.

At the Cannon Hill parkrun 5K in Birmingham, John Bull was 95th out of 482 finishers in 22:37

and Alison Bull was 303rd in 29:01.

At the Hatfield Forest parkrun 5K, Justin Patten was 32nd out of 120 finishers in 24:40.

He was followed by Janice Page, 44th and 2nd Vet 50 Lady in 25:33; David Page, 46th in 25:41; and Terry Pike, 60th in 26:49.

Pushpa Mistry was 42nd out of 69 in 30:56 at the Harlow parkrun 5K. Alan Wellbelove was 69th in 44:55.

Andy Kinney completed the Port of Dover Marathon. He was 60th out of 66 in 5:29:02.

He previously completed the Bataan Memorial Death March, a multi-terrain march at White Sands Missile Range in the New Mexico desert, finishing in 181st place out of 882 in 5:57:06.

## Apex jumping for joy

YOUNGSTERS from Harlow's Apex Trampoline Club returned from a haul of victories from the Eastern Region grading meeting.

The club, based at Mark Hall Sportscentre, was celebrating after a brilliant day at the competition in Cambridge.

There were five first places in total.

In the U11 club H category, Ruby Bishop triumphed in her first competition.

In the U17 G event, Bryony Bedford, in her first competition, also qualified to move up to the F level.

Other first spots went to: Daisy Howe (U13 H section); Larissa Coley (Over 15 F level); and Perri Merrick-Smith (O17 E level).

## Trampolining

Second spots went to: Zoe Mallett (O17 G level) and Emily Cole (O17 E level after a two-year break from the sport).

In the U11 club H category, Maggie McGuirk was third.

In the U15 G section, Gemma Dwyer was fourth.

Apex head coach Fiona Tredgett said: "Thank you to the Apex staff for all of their help and hard work. The club has come on leaps and bounds."

"Five years ago we had a just a handful of competitors. Now we have a strong squad who are coming back from competitions with a set of results to be proud of. Well done."



**WIN:** (From left) Perri Merrick-Smith and Emily Cole

## Trio star for county in regional final

HARLOW Athletic Club provided three athletes for the Essex team at the regional final of a sports hall athletics competition.

Regan Lawrence, in the U13 category, won his sprint and was part of the victorious four-lap relay team.

He also won the standing long jump and chest push.

Dominique Diomande represented the U15 age group.

He was only able to complete the relay and long jump events before illness forced his withdrawal; nevertheless, he won the jump.

Shemar Boldiszar was a late call-up, but still won the long jump and was part of both the U17 relay events.

Essex were third overall.

Speaking after, HAC coach Vincent Lawrence said: "The boys did amazingly well to really contribute to the Essex team's final position. Well done to Harlow's sprints group."

Fellow coach Steve Lott added: "We haven't really taken sports hall athletics seriously but with the growing number of youngsters now coming to the club perhaps we ought to. It's a great way of adding purpose to the long winter night's training for those not involved in the cross country teams."

Meanwhile, the Lee Valley Athletic Centre hosted the final indoor match of the season.

James Petty was Harlow's only entrant but continued his good start to competitive athletics by finishing fourth in the U13 60m event, in a time of 9.16sec.

■ CHARLOTTE Pratt was one of three Harlow Athletic Club members who represented the Essex Schools team at the South of England Inter Counties Cross Country Championships on Saturday.

The Mark Hall School pupil was competing in the Year 7 girls' 3km race.

She finished in 33rd place from a large starting field.

In the Year 7 boys' race, Kai Boggan (Passmore School) finished in 18th place and HAC team-mate Joe Morgan (Stewards School) was 20th, again from a large starting field.

## Sidnie beats bug for third

TWELVE-year-old Burnt Mill student Sidnie Ward sealed a brilliant third when representing Essex Schools at the South East of England Inter Counties Cross Country Championships.

This was despite recovering from a chest infection.

In the U13 3km boys' race, Sidnie was up against 100 runners at Tonbridge in the championships for Year 7 and 8 students.

Sidnie was among three runners who broke away 500 metres from the line.

In a sprint finish the Essex runner clocked 10min 45sec.

In the U14 boys' race over 3.5km, 13-year-old Hayden Maleary (Burnt Mill) was 27th in 12:21. He was the third fastest Essex runner.

Just 14 seconds behind Hayden was his twin brother Todd, earning his first Essex vest. He was 52nd in 12:35.

In the U14 3km girls' race, Burnt Mill student Hannah Page (13) was 51st in 13:04 and tenth Essex runner to finish.



## McGlone late penalty seals win in thriller

THE Rams produced a thrilling 29-27 victory at Stowmarket to secure a fourth-place finish in the RFU London Three North East.

The result was only decided in the final minute of the match in Suffolk.

Three minutes into the game a break from Ryan McGlone put scrum-half Charlie Woodington into space to run the ball under the posts for the first Harlow try, which McGlone then converted for a 7-0 lead.

Stowmarket replied promptly with a penalty.

The hosts went ahead when poor Harlow tackling enabled a player to run through for a converted try.

They extended their lead when their hooker picked the ball up from a line-out and ran 20 metres to score.

Harlow hit back as Josh Drake peeled off from the back of a maul and crashed over the line.

McGlone converted to cut the deficit to a point (15-14).

Before the break Stowmarket punched through the centre of Harlow's defence and their hooker skipped through three tackles to score a converted try.

The Rams started the second half with more purpose and their backs spun the ball out to outside centre Jamie Fricker to score, although the conversion was missed.

Another move from Harlow's backs saw Alasdair Phillips score a fourth try.

This time McGlone converted to put Harlow 24-22 up.

Stowmarket's pressure told as they scored a fifth try, but crucially the conversion was missed.

In the last minute Stowmarket were penalised and with the last kick of the game the nerveless McGlone kicked this between the posts to seal an excellent win.

**HARLOW:** Ephgrave, Mallia, Frost, Twiner, Unwin, Roberts, Drake, Claridge, Woodington, Smith, McGlone, Whitby, Fricker, Phillips, Brown. Subs (all used): Fitzgerald, Hawkins, Heapy.

## Tight loss as play-offs loom

HAWKS' final Herts Basketball League Division One game prior to the play-offs ended in a 68-66 loss to East Herts Royals.

Richard Whytock and Tom White loaded eight points in reply to the Royals.

Free throws blighted Hawks, who bagged just five from 17 all night.

In the second quarter Shab Niaz scored an early three pointer and points from Dan Cohen and Alex Hinds kept Hawks in it.

Another three pointer from Niaz reduced the deficit, while Rimantas Norkeliunas and another three-pointer from Niaz left Harlow 37-32 down at half-time.

The third quarter was equally balanced both teams scoring 14 points each.

Four points came from Hinds, Niaz hit a three-pointer and Hawks U18 debutant Madupe Odulaja netted a two-point field goal.

However, the visitors led 51-46 heading into the final quarter.

Niaz scored 11 of the 18 points for the quarter including three three-pointers.

But a Royals' four-pointer secured a tight victory.

The Welsh dragon has flown proudly at Harlow Rugby Club in the past, Star sports reporter

# Class act Price wants new rugby revolution

## Teachers the key to reigniting club on cusp of new era

by Alan Scott

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A NEW generation of PE teachers will be needed to inspire the next wave of young rugby players at Harlow.

With the club on the verge of moving from the Elizabeth Way complex which has been its home for 60 years to a purpose-built state-of-the-art facility at Latton Farm, Rams president Alan Price is hopeful it can kick start a new revolution in the 15-man game.

Harlow last hit the heights in the late 1990s, playing in London Division One, but now there are half the teams playing at the town club than there were back in the halcyon days of the 1970s and '80s.

Price knows the teaching influence has declined dramatically. "Your eight schools in Harlow has now become five. The PE teachers are not PE trained but sports science trained. I don't think there are any PE teachers in Harlow that could say they are rugby specialised," he bemoaned.

He explained: "We were passionate about rugby, not only did we teach it day in and day out, but we encouraged players to come down the club to get in the age groups, 13s, 14s, 15, 16s, 17s, 18s, and of course up to senior."

"That's when we had a huge influx of juniors coming down and those juniors turned into really good colts teams, because of the coaching they had at school, and the coaching they were getting at the club.

### Inspiring

"By the 1980s they had worked their way through to the first team, and that's when the first team started winning the Eastern Counties Cup. They were coached [at the club] by two Welsh boys as well [Ray Harriss and Marcus Russell]."

Price knows the key role teachers can play in inspiring youngsters from his own experience.

"These teachers would have been connected with different sports clubs, hockey, cricket, swimming, tennis, football. They would have all been involved in the local community, so they would have been spreading their gospel through the community club," he said.

"Nowadays that speciality might be table tennis or fencing, I'm not decrying that, but it doesn't encourage the boys to go down the local football or rugby club. It takes a teacher and a person with a passion for that sport to carry it into the community."

When Harlow move to their new ground they want to appoint a full-time schools liaison officer to recruit more children into the rugby club, specifically 12- to 18-year-olds.

"Why is it not just Harlow, or Essex, or England or Wales, why is there a demise of rugby?



There's a World Cup coming up. Braintree have just pulled out of the division above us.

"You can't get enough players training. So going from seven senior teams, to two senior teams.

Sometimes our second team is a bit shaky. You could make a case that it's because there are no longer Welsh teachers in school in Harlow.

"There's not enough rugby

teaching in schools and the only way a club like ours can stop this downward spiral is by getting a Harlow brand.

"An expert said it won't be long before everyone is wearing a

scrum cap in rugby. But who is going to pay for this?"

Price says although the club is thriving at mini level, it struggles to recruit beyond the age of 12.

He would rather take footballers at 16 and is adamant he can turn them into excellent rugby players.

"The minis at Harlow is huge. It's 100 strong. Therein lies the problem. Give me the kid at 16 and I can give you a rugby player. Football is about working off the ball and rugby is about looking on the ball. You don't get the periphery vision.

"You would have players like [Ireland international] Dave Sexton thinking 'where can I kick this ball?'

"We are so successful at minis rugby so by 12 or 13 they are jaded, they have had enough. That's why they give up rugby. Rugby has to do something about this.

"We keep the kids off the streets. There's so many of these kids that have come from broken homes. We have been their home. Some kids go off the rails and we teach them discipline on and off the field.

"Why is rugby on a downward slope? I think it's because kids have Saturday jobs, we want to blood them at first team level but we can't because they are working. Kids have got to support themselves through university.

"We want to get these juniors and develop them into senior players.

### Halcyon days

"If you have a kid and you want him to do well at rugby, let him come to rugby at 16.

"Let him do basketball, or whatever before, or soccer, pick up skills from other sports. Rugby is so technical.

"But give me a football player at 16 and I'll make him a rugby player at 18, usually a back.

"What we have to do is get back to the halcyon days, and we have to be really focused on the community. All we see is burn out.

"We have to go out to the community – the schools – and we have to get rugby played within the schools.

"I can't see us changing it. It's for headteachers to change and the Government to change. Let's teach them about being fit and it's not just about rugby.

"The youngsters at our club are not now getting the expert coaching they used to get in schools.

"What we are getting is a generation of players coming through, keeping them on the straight and narrow.

"Yes they are getting good rugby coaching, but could they be getting better? And without teachers doing that, they only have paid rugby coaches [at the club] doing that.

"These colleges are turning out sports scientists. We can use these. We have to stop the decline. It's not terminal at the moment."



**ON TOUR:** The Mark Hall School sixth form team which toured South Wales in the mid-1970s. If you are featured email the sportsdesk at star-sport@hertssexnews.co.uk. (Top) Alan Price in action for the Rams first team in the 1970s



## ALAN SCOTT met the Rams stalwart and three-times former captain Alan Price



HEY-DAY: Alan Price (with ball) in his early Rams career after 1972 and (right) at the club recently

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ALAN PRICE would often be dragged off a school rugby pitch on a Saturday after refereeing or coaching Mark Hall School youngsters in the early 1970s – and told by Rams' first team stalwart John Hurley 'get your gear, you're playing for us now'.

The 64-year-old, now the Harlow Rugby Club president, has taught at the First Avenue secondary for more than 40 years.

Reflecting on the magical time in the 1970s when Harlow Rugby Club was almost turned into a mini Cardiff, Price recalls being summoned to play scrum-half for the first team at Elizabeth Way.

"If you were Welsh you were sought out by people from back home and ascertained as to how good you were," he joked.

One of the founding fathers of the Welsh influence at Harlow was former president Hurley.

## Massive influence

Price recalls the massive influence Hurley, a proud Welshman and an architect rather than a teacher, had on the club from when he became involved in the 1960s.

Price said: "Every Saturday morning was rugby, rugby, rugby [coaching Mark Hall matches]. I didn't have much time for playing but John Hurley would eventually turn up at school and when I was trying to get changed after refereeing a rugby game, he would get me in his car and say 'you're playing for Harlow today'.

"I was 21 then. By Christmas time of 1972 I was playing [for the club], and by February 1973 I was playing for the Harlow first team.

"By 1973 it was a home from home for me, I had all my mates from Cardiff. We put a [Harlow Rugby Club] first team out [in 1973], and out of 15 ten would be from Cardiff in those days. How that affected your normal Harlow player, born and bred in Harlow, I don't know because I can't put that shoe on."

# Back when Rams were so well red!

## President recalls Harlow's Welsh influence

It didn't take long for the Welsh red to infiltrate the club's traditional colours of green and white.

Price recalled: "John Hurley finished playing when I got here, but he was a passionate Welshman. He tried to change it to red in the late '60s. He got away with red socks to start with. Then he changed it from white and green to green. I became involved and we did have red shirts, so by 1972 they were red.

"Then there was a move away and they said 'come on we've got to go back'. And so they started to go back to green. The first thing I did when I became captain for the first time in 1974, the green shirt went with red shorts and red socks, then within two years we went back to all red. We changed it all round.

"It was the Welsh influence trying to get red into it. It was probably John Hurley that started it and I carried it on."

The 1970s was a home from home for Price, joined by 20 Welshmen who thrived at the schools in Harlow.

Reflecting, Price said: "Why did I come to Harlow? And why did so many people follow me from Wales? Harlow was a new town. It was offering good jobs. It was the Harlow Corporation, which was its own teaching authority.

"At that time there were eight secondary schools in Harlow. Each one of them had six per-

manent PE staff. Of those 24 PE teachers in Harlow, eight were from Cardiff.

"I was surprised to find a rugby club in such a football-orientated town. It had been established from a lot of incomers, whether they came from Scotland, Ireland or down in Wales.

"They came to the new towns. Probably worked in middle-management, they all had good jobs, and they started the rugby club off in 1955. By the time I got there it was fairly well established.

"Cardiff was the big teaching college. Because the guy in charge of education in Essex [at the time], Gwynne Harries, was Cardiff-trained, he used to get the teachers from Cardiff.

## Passionate

"I had three schools to choose from in Essex, but I choose Mark Hall. It was an excellent choice. I followed in the line as there were two Cardiff men already there.

"In 1975 there were 24 PE teachers in Harlow and 21 were from Cardiff. We all knew each other and not only that – we were all passionate about rugby.

"There weren't any leagues then but it wasn't any less friendly. There were some wonderful players there when I got there [to Harlow Rugby Club]. They bought into our plan, which was 'let's play the Welsh way'.

"Then there was the advent of the leagues. Wonderful times, the



team was coached by Ray Harriss and Marcus Russell. Both Welsh boys.

"Ray was teaching at Latton Bush, and Marcus, who was not a PE teacher, he actually taught economics [at Stewards School], but he was Welsh, from Ebbw Vale.

"So they got together and started on the master plan which was to get these colts, who had been magnificent, into the senior team [around 1983].

"It worked. Then you had the combination of youth and experience.

"John Hurley was [at Harlow Rugby Club] before me, he was ex-president. Colin Jenkins, he was first team captain and Dilwyn Thomas, these three were the stalwarts at the club before I came. So there was always a Welsh influence.

"This would have been from 1970. Don Harrigan and Dai Evans, both Cardiff-trained and they were at Mark Hall."

Price, who captained the Rams in 1976, 1977 and 1980, finished playing in about 1986 and then started refereeing in 1988.

"When we were at our best with these colts coming up, we played in London Division One, and we still hold the record for staying in the same division for 13 consecutive seasons. We had to work our way up from Eastern Counties One, because the powers that be had to make a judgement [on which division Harlow could play

in]. Once we got there [to London One] we stayed there for 13 years."

Price also had a formidable reputation with officials.

He explained: "Both myself and John Davies had a reputation for being good with the referee, basically leading him along. There was a story that anybody who was coming up in the London society of referees would always told 'well you need to go to Harlow, because if you can shut John Davies up playing at scrum-half you are on your way. And if Alan Price is playing scrum-half shut him up and if you can do that we'll give you a promotion'.

"So this one guy came up and he was told the story if you can shut Davies up or Price then you'll be ready for promotion. He got to Harlow and he couldn't believe it – I was playing at scrum-half and John was playing at outside half. He said 'how the bloody hell am I supposed to shut both of them up? It's a double whammy'. They later said 'how did you get on?'. 'Great,' he said, 'I didn't have to make a decision all afternoon except when those two disagreed'.

"About eight years back I was invited up to Upper Clapton [Rugby Club] for a Saturday lunch and there were 42 men that I had taught rugby to, and they were there in my celebration.

"It was a wonderful occasion. They were all reaching their 50th or 52nd birthdays."

## Hawks cut gap at the top as Needham lose

Ryman North

Chatham Tn ..... 1  
Harlow Tn ..... 2

THE Ryman North title took another twist as Harlow Town closed the gap on leaders

Needham Market to two points.

The Hawks managed to grind out a 2-1 victory away to Chatham Town, while Needham lost 1-0 at Heybridge Swifts.

The Hawks secured three priceless points when they grabbed an 80th-minute winner from new signing Jamie Guy.

But Harlow boss Danny Chapman is adamant the title race will go down to the wire.

"I think there's a lot of twists and turns yet, whether that's on our part or their [Needham's] part.

"There's a big weekend coming up, two games in three days," he said. "That [Easter] week always determines a lot for play-off teams and promotion teams."

Heybridge seem to be enjoying their role as kingmakers as they notched up a win to put the destiny of the championship back in the open. In February, Swifts ended Harlow's proud unbeaten home record.

If Harlow win their remaining five games – including their penultimate game of the season at Needham – they will win the title and avoid the lottery of the play-offs.

Southend United centre-half Dan Matsuzaka, who had a successful spell at The Harlow Arena earlier in the season, was on the bench for Harlow having been re-signed on loan.

## Superb volley

The visitors took the lead through Junior Dadson on 29 minutes. Dave Cowley's cross was flicked on by Guy and Dadson had the time to hit a superb volley past the Chatham keeper from inside the box.

But the Kent side levelled after a mix-up in the Harlow penalty area saw a Keiron McCann shot loop over Hawks keeper Andy Walker and find its way into the net.

After a tight second half, the visitors took the lead on 80 minutes.

Dadson headed the ball across the Chatham box and this found Guy, who nodded in his third goal in two games since signing from Witham Town.

His header went over the Chatham keeper and nestled into the net.

There were nervy scenes in the last ten minutes but Harlow held on for an important victory on a bobbly, difficult pitch.

Chapman said: "I didn't think we did well enough in the first half and we genuinely made poor decisions.

"We went 1-0 up that was against the run of play, to be honest."

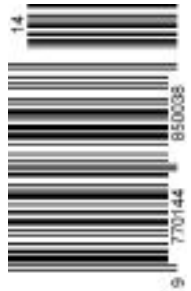
Dadson has now scored six goals in the last five games, while Guy has netted three in two games since signing.

Chapman added: "That's what they are paid to do. What I was most pleased about was the way we saw the game out at the end. It was a fantastic win."

Harlow host Cray Wanderers on Saturday and visit close neighbours Ware on Easter Monday.

**HARLOW TN:** Walker, Glasgow, Eadie, Urquhart, Goodhind (Gorbell 90), Jones, Appiah (Small 63), Cowley, Guy, Antoine (Simms 61), Dadson.





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Big Cats' title perfect gift for Youngblood

ESSEX Leopards head coach Robert Youngblood was given the "perfect birthday present" after his side became English Basketball League champions on Sunday.

The Leopards, who play half their home matches at Harlow's Leisurezone, sealed the Division One title with one game remaining after an 84-72 win over Team Northumbria at the Brentwood Centre.

And Youngblood, who turned 46 on Tuesday, paid tribute to the team that topped the table for the first time since the 2011/12 season.

He said: "It is just the perfect birthday present. I am absolutely delighted with clinching the title and have been waiting three years to finally do it."

"We won the National Trophy two years ago but it feels even better to win the league."

"Last year we may have had a more talented group, but this year my team is much more rounded."

"They just love to play together and there is a real family unit within the squad."

"It makes it so easy for me to coach when it is like that because they all want to play for each other, work hard and know how important it is to defend."

"The most important thing for me in basketball is the team. As I always say to my guys, there is no 'I' in team. The best form of offence is the defence."

#### Tribute

"If you want to play an individual sport then you shouldn't be playing basketball and the guys really work for each other."

Youngblood also paid tribute to the fans at both the Brentwood Leisure Centre and Harlow Leisurezone - where the Leopards split their home games.

"The fans at both venues have been absolutely fantastic," he said. "On Sunday the atmosphere was incredible, the seats were completely full and people were standing everywhere to watch."

"The victory is as much theirs as it is ours."

"In the last quarter it was a four-point game and they gave us that extra energy that really took us to the win."

The Leopards start their post-season play-off campaign on April 12 in Brentwood. "To win the play-offs would just be the icing on the cake," he added. "We are just three games away from grabbing the double and capping off a fantastic season."

# HOW THE WELSH DRAGON ROARED

## Cardiff teachers even changed colour of Rams' kit

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THE Welsh influence has remained strong for more than five decades at Harlow Rugby Club, so much so that some of the men from the principality managed to change the colours of the Rams kit.

The club, which is 60 years old next December, also became known as 'the Welsh team' to opponents during the 1970s.

In fact the dramatic impact of the Welsh school PE teachers in Harlow during this period - an incredible 21 from the 24 at eight secondaries in the town - meant the first team consisted of ten men, two-thirds, who had been trained at the then renowned Cardiff teacher training college.

The teachers had a dramatic impact on the rugby club as their students were inspired to take up the sport, and a generation later those same children that were inspired by their mentors at school were playing in the first team as Harlow played the 15-man code at the highest level in their history during the 1970s.

#### Inspiring youngsters

Harlow Rugby Club president and proud Welshman Alan Price was one of the 21 PE teachers inspiring youngsters to drop their footballs and pick up a rugby ball. He was also one of the architects for introducing some Welsh red into the traditional colours of the town's rugby club.

Price (64), of Chapel Fields, has now worked at Mark Hall School for more than 40 years since being recruited way back in 1972.

The president explained: "The first thing that got drummed into me when I came down to Harlow was that there was the biggest junior football league in Europe. So every Sunday, everyone was playing football. Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, probably playing football."



**PROUD WELSHMAN:** The Rams president Alan Price shows off the kit influenced by the Welshmen who played for the first team in the 1970s  
Photo by Vikki Lince

"We gradually converted these kids to rugby. When I first came there were just two 'rugby' schools in Harlow - Mark Hall and Nettleswell. When we started infiltrating these schools, that's when we got them all into rugby."

"Those halcyon days were probably the best days at the club. But I think the product of those hal-

cyon days, and the teachers' passion to get the [Harlow] kids through the colts and then into senior rugby was fantastic."

"They had some golden years because the boys were going to school with the Welsh PE teachers. The colts were playing really good opposition, they moved to seniors and all of a sudden two

Eastern Counties Cups for Harlow."

It didn't take long for the Welsh influence at the rugby club to spread to the colours of the kit, the only shock perhaps was that the first XV didn't run out with a huge dragon emblazoned across their shirts!

Price, who skippered the first

team three times in the 1970s and '80s, explained: "This was the heyday of Welsh rugby, so everything knitted together and we became known as 'the Welsh club'."

"Gradually our colours changed from white and green to red. It was a wonderful time. It lasted until 1983 or 1984."

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